Union orders end to strike by private steelmen

Leaders of the Iron and Steel official complaints alleging use of Trades Confederation voted last excessive force by police when night to obey the Court of Appeal's instruction not to extend the state steel strike to the private sector. Union officials earlier made wagon.

arresting 42 pickets. One said the police had started handcuffing the men before putting them in the

Bitter attack on Lord Denning

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Trades Confederation countermanding union orders involving 20,000 private sector workers in the stoppage that has halted the British Steel Corporation since January 2.

January 2.

Last night the union was hitterly critical of the ruling by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, that the strike should not be accorded and admitted that be extended and admitted that

some of its members might not toe the executive's line. Mr William Sirs, general sec-retary of the confederation, said: "Whatever was in Lord Denning's judgment is being applied as per Lord Denning. As a magistrate I want to follow

the letter of the law. I want the members to do that

"I would not be impressed if they did not. But they have been law-abiding citizens. They have agreed to accept even the law of Lord Denning."

Leaders of the confederation will meet Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC,

today to discuss the negotia-tions that have opened up the

prospect of an agreement on pay and productivity with craftsmen and general workers employed by British Steel. But there seems little likeli-hood of a similar resumption of negotiations for the 100,000 steel process workers and blast-furnacemen who began the strike. The confederation does offer is sufficiently worthwhile to bring its negotiators to

Unioc officials yesterday made official complaints alleg-

ing the excess use of force by police after 42 pickets had been arrested during a day in which strikers' attitudes

At Pontypool 13 pickets were

charged with obstruction fol-

lowing scuffles outside Walker-

steel stockholders. At Newport

26 pickets were released on bail after pleading not guilty to charges arising from incidents outside GKN Steelstock Ltd.

Mr Keith Brookman, a divi-

sional organiser for the Iron

and Steel Trades Confederation,

complained officially to the police after the incidents. He

said their attitude towards his

members seemed to be "esca-

He added: "I find it rather disturbing. For the first time

From Kim Jores and Donald Macirtyre

on Friday to consider the outcome of the union's applica-tion for leave to appeal to the Law Lords against the Court

of Appeal's decision.

If the Lords agree to hear
the appeal, and rule in favour
of the confederation, the strike
in the private sector will be on

Mr Sirs said after the confederation executive meeting: a union which obeys not only the letter but the spirit of the law. We accept the fact that private sector was taken in the the law is paramount because honest and sincere belief that the law is paramount because honest and the without law there is anarchy.
"We resent most bitterly the
partisan approach of the Court of Appeal towards us and, in particular, the favoured treatment of the employers in their appeal and the unfair treatment

en to us.
'Nevertheless, this judgment is valid until it has been re-versed and we would be be-traying our principles if we refused to accept the directions

which have been given."

Confederation leaders were faced yesterday with dozens of pickets from the steel areas who insisted on hearing what the executive had decided before it was communicated to

the media.
Other pickets went to the Law Courts in the Strand to protest about Lord Demning's ruling. Four were allowed in to register their strong feelings to court officials.

Mr Sits refused to be drawn on what might happen if em-ployees at nearly 30 works brought into the strike but not covered by the court order de-The executive has been clined to follow the new in-called into emergency session structions.

Police accused by pickets

vent two company lorries mov-ing out of the plant. The arrests were made as police moved into clear a path for

Mr Terence Wall, general

manager of Walkersteel, said: "The trouble started in spite

of all our efforts to reach agreement with the pickets.

Although 80 per cent of our business depends on contract

lorries, we were only using our own small fleet. None of our

30 workers wants to join this

folds. Cardiff, some of the 100

pickets received minor injuries

At Guest, Keen and Nettle-

that some members will go back before they are told offici-ally to do so, but others may follow local strike committees and stay out.

Mr Sirs said that it was essen-tial that the public and steel workers appreciated the circum-stances leading to the decision in the Court of Appeal on Saturday.

"The decision of our execuour action was perfectly legiti-mate under the law of the land as declared by statutes, and in particular as defined by the House of Lords in recent decisions culminating in the case of Express Newspapers v Mc-Shane", he said.

"In the latter case, the House of Lords overruled and set aside a decision of the Court of Appeal on facts which we think are indistinguishable from the facts in our case. It is of the utmost significance that two of the Court of Appeal judges were the same in that case as in ours, namely Lord Denning and Lord Justice Laughton."

Our Industrial Editor writes: Our Industrial Editor writes:
The ISTC executive decision
was welcomed by the British
Independent Steel Producers'
Association last night. The
association which represents
more than 100 independent companies, said: "We are only too
pleased that common sense has
prevailed and that the law has prevailed and that the law has helped us to uphold our work

man denied this.

Today the 3,000 strikers at
GKN will be advised to return

to work in accordance with an executive decision. A mass meeting will be held this morning.

through factory gates.



Dr Billy Graham outside Christ Church, Oxford, yesterday. He is to preach in the city and in

Female donor for heart transplant man

By Nicholas Timmins Mr Nigel Olney, aged 35, whose heart condition last year helped to save him from imprisonment, vesterday became Britain's eighth heart transplant patient Mr Olney, a chiropodist, of Stanbridge Road, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, received the transplant in an operation which lasted for five hours and seven minutes. It began shortly since this dispute began the police have started handcuffing some of the men before putting them in the wagon."

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flown to a patient in Britain. The donor was Carol Morris, who died on Monday after a road accident close to her home in Houghton on the Hill, near Leicester, on Friday. Her father, Mr George

Yesterday's incidents indi-cated increased frustration among the pickets as manage-ments, desperate to retain their like wish that if anything hapcustomers and to fulfil their pened to her, her body or parts orders, continued to move steel of it should be used for medical A Port Talbot man will The h

A Port Talbot man will appear before Swanser magistrates today charged with assault after an incident outside the Signode steel strapping plant at Swansea. It occurred as 100 men picketed the plant.

ded for two years, at Bedford Crown Court last year, after admitting four offences of deception and four of false accounting and asking for 252 other offences to be taken into account. He worked for Bedfordshire Area Health

Authority.

The Chiropodists' disciplinary committee suspended judgment on Mr Olney's case for two years in November after being told that a transplant was the only chance of improv-The transplant, the fourth within a year at Papworth Hos-

pital, was again carried out by a team led by Mr Terence Eng-lish, the heart surgeon, who was born in South Africa. Mr Olney's parents, John and Ruth, were allowed a sight of

their son through the glass door of the barrier room where Mr Olney is in intensive care. The transplant was the fourth carried out by Mr English with the help of a 550,000 grant from the National Heart Research

Fund. The cost of a successful transplant is put at between £15,000 and £18,000 in the first

Professor John Goodwin, a member of the Government's Transplant Advisory Panel, said Dr English's results were "immensely encouraging".

Cabinet meeting.

Ine new deputy C-in-t Cinited Kingdom land forces and Inspector General of the Territorial Army and Cadets is the controversial general who has featured throughout the series. the Camberley Staff College commandant, newly promoted Lieutenant-General Sir Thomas

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Tory MPs shocked at defence cash limits

By Fred Emery Political Editor Conservative backbench MPs

expressed deep concern last night that the Government's spending limits might prevent the 3 per cent increase on de-fence next year which Mrs Margaret Thatcher has promised.
Such a faltering when the Prime Minister has been issu-

ing stout warnings of countermeasures against Soviet aggression is seen as incredible and politically intolerable by some of Mrs Thatcher's own suppor-

Mr Robert Atkins, Conserva-tive MP for Preston, North, and vice-chairman of the party de-fence committee, said last night that he wanted "stifled at birth" any move by Trea-sury ministers to hold down the increase.

He had tabled a question for

increase.

He had tabled a question for Mr Francis Pynt, Secretary of State for Defence, asking him to give the proposed increase in next year's defence budget. Mr Atkins yesterday asked Mrs Thatcher at question time to follow the United States example, and consider increasing ample, and consider increasing defence spending by up to 10 per ceat.
The Prime Minister said there

The rame Minister said there had to be economic growth tirst; only then could "a great deal more" be considered.

The latest official estimate of expected outturn of defence spending this year is £7,824m, with next years planned energy.

with next year is 2,024m, with next year's planned spending at £8,062m, an increase of just over 3 per cent, or £238m.

Yesterday the Treasury could outturn had dropped, which is a key part of the calculation.

The first overt sign of what one newspaper hinted might be Mr Pym's "campaign" against his cost-cutting Treasury colleagues came during Monday's Commons debate on the eastwest crisis.

A member of the Commons Select Committee on Defence, Mr Cranley Onslow, MP for Woking, astounded some of his colleagues by asking the Prime Minister to emphasize that this would be the worst moment to set an example to our allies by cutting defence spending."

Mrs Thatcher clearly did not welcome the questioin. She said she hoped it was clear "that the Government are resolved to play their full part in Nato and to increase their expenditure by 3 per cent over the output this war." outturn this year".

This is no more than a reiteration of what last November's White Paper stated. However, much depends on the word "outrurn", and on the cash limimt assumption that the Government applies to next cutting defence spending.

The assumption is that the Government will in its March White Paper on further 1980-81 cuts, set out an estimate of per cent for the increases in costs and prices.

of millions of pounds could be a lost " paying the 19.4 per cent Service pay increases due under "comparability", and the real would be less than the bold

Late last night there were contradictory indications. Some MPs were inclined to believe that Mr Pym had won his cam-paign, that defence had been spared the predatory Treasury

Others were more suspicious of the Cabinet line-up, and one prediction was that the issue might be settled at tomorrow's

The threadbare state of Britain's civil and home defences will be examined candidly tonight in the final espisode of the BBC 1 series "War School", assuming it is transmissed.

The new deputy C-in-C United

as they pressed forward to prevent a small van driven by a customer from leaving Sheerness pickets, page 2: month prison sentence, suspen-

The Queen to meet the Pope

The Queen and the Duke of The Queen and the Duke of Edinburth will pay a state visit to Italy from October 14 to 17 at the conclusion of which they will meet the Pope at the Vatican, it was announced from Can, it was announced from Buckingham Palace yesterday. During their visit, the royal comple will use the royal yacht Britannia, now undergoing a refit at Portsmouth.

The Queen has met two pre-

vious Popes. As Princess Eliza-beth she called on Pope Pius XII in 1951—arousing the criticism of the Free Church of Scotland—and in 1961 when Queen, she and the Duke met Pope John XXIII.

Pope John showed the Queen

Prope John showed the Queen a special Vatican file on King Henry VIII, who broke away from the Church of Rome to marry his second wife Anne Boleyn.

Pope John Paul II, after his best to Ireland last year said.

risit to Ireland last year, said be was willing to travel to Britain to promote unity with the Church of England, "I am ready", he told reporters. A Buckingham Palace spokes-

man was unable yesterday to confirm that the Queen would be extending an invitation to the Pope to come to Britain. The state visit in October is at the invitation of President Sandro Pertini.

It was announced in Brasilia vesterday that the Pope has accepted an official invitation visit Brazil, the world's largest Roman Catholic country.

Arrest at North Sea terminal

A man was detained yesterday afternoon at Sumburgh Airport, Shetland, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The man, nged about 30, was stopped at the new Wilsness terminal. which handles exclusively flights to the North See oil rigs and feeder flights to Sulom Voe oil

He is being interviewed by local detectives at Lerwick

Californians blasé about the big earthquake He smoothly picked up the an earthquake in excess of aunounced the establishment of threads of his conversation on seven on the Richter Scule durable a National Earthquake Prediction petrol rationing would ing the 1980s but living in a tion Evaluation Council and

From Ivor Davis Los Angeles, Jan 29 At a dinner party the other

dispute."

day on the eleventh floor of a Los Angeles block of flats, the room suddenly began to shake. Quicky forgotten.

The dinner plates did a quick Living in the shadow of an jig and wine glasses danced precariously but did not spill it seems, trouble the majority a drop. Only a book tumbled

that was a three or at best earthquakes, 3.5" (a guess at what would Already so

at guerrillas

moving freely

Muzorewa fury

In an atmosphere of mutual accusations

of malpractice, exchanged by party leaders in Salisbury, Bishup Abel Muzorewa, the UANC leader, said he felt like somebody who had "entered

a business arrangement with crooks as partners". Back from a tour of the eastern region, he accused the monitoring force of standing by as guerrillas

impunity. He threatened to ignore the verdict of the Commonwealth observers Page 8

Companies offering credit or hire pur-

have to show in advertisements the true annual rate of interest payable by

the customer, in line with revisions in the 1974 Consumer Credit Act laid before Parliament yesterday Page 19

Alfred Herbert, the once-proud flag-ship of the British machine tool industry, is fighting for survival in the

survival plans include a cutback of 700

jobs and concentration on high tech-

Page 19

Herbert crisis

nology equipment

Clearer credit terms

threads of his conversation on why petrol rationing would never work in southern never work in southern California and the tremor was

of Californians despite the fact on to the carpet.

The host, who was in mid sentence, hardly blinked. He paused only long enough to note matter-of-factly "I'd say week to try to come up with show that make a three are the come method of predicting big are meeting in Los Angeles this experts have been gathering in week to try to come up with Los Angeles for what is billed some method of predicting big as California's first earthquake 3.5" (a guess at what would Already some experts say that At t register on the Richter Scale). California will be the target of States

compaign burgles.

Senator Kennedy changes his image

Senator Edward Kennidy has reeffirmed his candidacy for the American Presidency and claims to be the sole Democrat representative of the truditional liberal causes of Franklin

Roosevelt and John Kennett, He has called Mr Carter a Republican Presi-

dent Pundits are predicting defeat for Mr. Kennedy in the next election

The conference on Northern Ireland's political future is in difficulties over the fundamental issue of power sharing.

The Rev Ian Paisley said plantly he would have nothing to do with a

cabinet that included people other than

those with a majority in an elected assemble. Page 2

Russia holds Afghans

Several hundred Afghan political prisoners are being reid inside the

Soviet Union, according to evidence

reaching Kabul. In a letter smuggled

nut of Russia a mulich says they are working in a steel mill. Page 7

FEC ministers discussing Community

fishing policy have realized agreement

on total catch cents and a system for

monitoring observance of them, How-

even the way in which the catch would

he shared has not to be decided. Page 6

Fish catch agreed

Paisley outburst

land of fairly frequent tremors or offersbocks has made many Californians blase about the big

parent apathy and by pure co-incidence after Thursday's northern California earthquake 5.5 on the Richter Scale) the prediction conference. ironic choice. It is not con-At the conference the United sidered one of the safest build-

In the wake of all this ap-

tion Evaluation Council and the names of 12 prominent scientists who will serve on it. The council will hold its first meeting in Reston, Virginia, on February 4 and 5 to review the evidence of other scientists on

possible impending earthquakes and to decide whether to issue warnings.

The present conference is on the 27th floor of City Hall, con-

sidered by some to be quite an ironic choice. It is not conings in Los Angeles. THE PARTY OF THE P



Comedian dies: Jimmy Durante, come star of films. Broadway and night clubs died in Los Angeles yesterday of pneumonia. He was 86 and had been confined to a wheelchair since a stroke Obituary, page 17 seven years ago Teachers' strike: Thousands of pupils most classes in school disputes in two

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Canada smuggles four **US** diplomats and two wives out of Iran

wives flew from Iran on scheduled flights at the weekend. posing as Canadian diplo-matic staff, Miss Flora MacDonald, the Canadian External Affairs Minister, announced

today. She said the covert operation was a reason for Canada's temporary closure of its embassy in Tehran yesterday, after the Americans and the last four Canadian staff had left Iran. Miss MacDonald said the six Americans were not in the United States Embassy compound when it was seized by militant students on November 4 last. They asked for refuge in the Canadian Embassy soon afterwards

the Canadian Embassy soon afterwards.

The six who escaped capture were hidden in Canadian Embassy homes and were given Canadian diplomatic passports, while Mr Ken Taylor, the Canadian Ambassador, waited for a good opportunity to get them out of Iran.

Miss MacDonald said she could not confirm a report in the Montreal newspaper La Presse that Iranian diplomatic visas were forged on the passports with help from United States secret services.

The six Americans, agricultural or consular officials, left Tehran on scheduled flights at the weekend and went to an American base in West Germany, from where they would fly home, she said. Mr Taylor, whose conduct she praised highly, had left with the last Canadian staff members yesterday and was on holiday in Copenhagen.

Miss MacDonald said the ppenhagen. Miss MacDonald said the

pportunity for the departure. of the Americans came when attention was diverted from the hostages held at the American Embassy, by the Iranian presi-

Ottawa, Jan 29.—Four Ameridential election last week and can diplomats and two of their the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.
"We knew that each day they

stayed there, the danger was becoming greater," she said. Miss MacDonald said she was still very concerned for the safety and security of the American hostages in Tehran.
That was why she had not disclosed Canada's help in gerting
the six Americans out of Iran

when she briefed reporters last night about the "temporary withdrawal" of Canadian Embassy staff.

"I didn't volunteer that in-formation last night, and it didn't come from us..." Miss didn't come from us . . ." Miss MacDonald said. "I would have preferred to see that this story had not come out, out of a sense that there may be some further concern about the hos-tages still in Tehran." She said last night that Canada had closed its embassy —but did not break relations with Iran — because normal operations were impossible and

guaranteed. The story of the six Americans was broken in Canada by the Washington correspondent of La Presse, Jean Pelletier, who is the son of the Canadian who is the son of the Canadian Ambassador to France. He said he had known since December 10 that the six were being hidden by the Canadians, but had not reported it "following explanations by the Canadian Government and the American

the safety of staff was not

Government authorities".
United States officials confirmed Miss MacDonald's account today.

Miss MacDonald said last night that Canada would not send resident diplomats back to Tehran until the hostages in the American Embassy were

released.—Reuter. Hope for hostages, page 14

Promise of cash aid to meet soaring fuel bills

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Financial help for those findrinancial help for those finding the greatest difficulty in paying their heating bills was pledged yesterday in the Commons by two senior ministers, Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, and Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Frances. State for Energy

State for Energy.

As anxious MPs on both sides of the House embarked on a debate on the large rises in gas prices announced recently by the Government, Mr Jenkin said that the whole range of help to needy consumers was being reviewed. He recognized the anxienes but the price increase would not be reflected until next summer's quarter. until next summer's quarter.
The economic impact would
not be felt until next winter
and the results of the review would be before that.

The Government has given a clear promise that special help would be given to those on low incomes, including the elderly, pensioners, the disabled and single parents. No comprehen-sive fuel scheme was being contemplated but help would be given to those in the greatest need.

The debate opened with a

Labour's energy spokesman, on the Government's "callous disof inflation. The rise in gas prices would have a devastating effect on the cost of living and gravely prejudice the compen-tiveness of British industry.

While agreeing that increases had to come, Dr Owen criticized their rate and pace



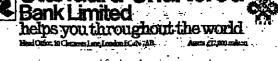
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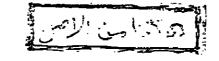
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Labour MP says proposed clause in Bill removes pickets' immunity from prosecution

Political Editor

Amendments are essential to the Government's Employment Bill if peaceful pickets are to be protected from criminal (as distinct from civil) prosecution, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, was told

Mr Alexander Lyon, Labour MP for York, who had last month accused Mr Prior of misleading the Commons on the Government's intentions, now accepted Mr Prior's assurance that he did not wish to extend the criminal law only the civil law, to secondary picketing. However Mr Lyon, who is a barrister, insisted that Mr Prior was getting wrong legal advice, and that in any case the amend-ments were needed because, as Mr Lyon put it, "the issue is so serious".

From David Nicholson-Lord

Support for the private sector steel strike increased in

South Yorkshire yesterday as strike leaders claimed that union solidarity had been strengthened by the Court of Appeal's ruling at the week-

Mr Stanley Sheridan, of the

Iron and Steel Trades Confederation's South Yorkshire and Humberside strike coordinating committee, said the vast majority of the 5,000 private

sector workers in the Sheffield

district had stayed out on strike while awaiting the response of the ISTC's execu-

live to Lord Denning's order.

More men were on strike yesterday because of the con-

fusion surrounding the ruling on Monday

committee based at Rotherham

has said it will continue second-ary picketing whatever the ISTC executive decides and that safety cover would be with-drawn if a picket was arrested.

Strike leaders yesterday derided the statement by Mr John Pennington, managing

director of the British Steel Corporation's Sheffield divi-sion, that plants would "get by if that happened.

Strikers claim union

solidarity is improved

The multi-union coordinating Corby: Safety cover vital to

dary picketing which would replace section 15 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974. My Lyon insists that Mr Prior is removing the old the criminal law unaffected. Act 1974. My Lyon insists that Mr Prior is removing the old immunity, in Section 15. from criminal prosecution at present

enjoyed by peaceful-pickets. obstruction and there is no right to picket. On my understanding of the law, the police could only prosecute for action goin gbeyond peaceful picket-

"If your advice is right it is essential to legislate immediately to give legitimate pickets protection against criminal prosecution. If I am right your clause 14 reduces the immunity from criminal prosecution and imprison all pickets not out-side their place of work.

fields, Sheffield, where there

have been many arrests since the strike began; pickets said

union's general secretary, to
"put his head on the block".

All big firms employing ISTC

members were affected by the strike, according to the Shef-field Engineering Employers

Association.
Arthur Osman writes from
Birmingham: As steelworkers'
pickets continued the blockade

of 70 private companies and stockholders in the West Mid-lands last night an ISTC official

said: "Support is still abso-lutely solid; there will be no withdrawal until we hear the

decision of the House of Lords on our appeal.

Frances Gibb writes from

continued production at the Corby steel works is to be

reduced further as a result of 150 apprentices being laid off

yesterday. Their supervisors, members of the Technical and

Supervisory Staffs (TASS), had decided they could not continue overseeing their training.

Steelworkers belonging to the ISTC and the Amalgamated

He states that the section's

words "it shall be lawful" . . . "do not mean that any acts He writes: "On your argu-ment all pickets standing in the bighway can be prosecuted for be unlawful. The fact that peaceful picketing at a person's home is now no longer expressly declared to be lawful does not mean that such picketing becomes a criminal offence. The same is true under clause 14 as regards picketing other than at a person's own place of work. Picketing confined to peaceful persuasion and argument is not and never has been a criminal offence . . . clause 14 means simply that a person therefore makes it possible to picketing outside the amended imprison all pickets not outside their place of work.

picketing outside the amended section 15 will no longer have immunity under section 13 from The argument turns on the Mr Prior, in a reply on civil proceedings if he induces Bill's clause 14 limiting secon- January 25 to Mr Lyon's first a breach of contract."

Thatcher rebuttal on EEC aid

By Hugh Noyes Parliameutary Correspondent Westminster

they would maintain their blockade irrespective of a deci-sion on the ISTC's appeal and called on Mr William Sirs, the Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday scattlingly rebutted the claim reported to have been made by Mr Henk Vredeling, the EEC Commissioner in charge of social policy, that no approach had been made to the Commission by the British Gov-ernment for EEC fi ancial help in handling the steel redun-

Mr Vredeling said he could not understand why the Gov-erament had not acted when generous sums were available to help the British Steel Corporation and to find alternative work or retraining for 50,000 redundant workers.

The Prime Minister told the House that Mr Vredeling seemed to be indicating that the Government had not applied for aid. In fact, since 1973 there had been 100 such applications.

On December 12 the Department of Industry informed Commission officials of the corporation's proposals for redunporation's proposals for reductional dancies in 1980-31. The Commission decided, Mrs Thatcher said, that £7.7m should be allocated to Shotton and, she

sion, that plants would "get Union of Engineering Workers by if that happened.

The increased militancy of safety passes to tankers steelworkers was evident outside the private firm of Had-

The fundamental disagreement between the Church of England attitude and that taken by the Roman Catholic Church is over whether the termination of the life of a foetus can ever be considered a right course of deliberate

Rail station into superstore: Green

Park, the former London, Midland and

Scottish railway station at Bath, is to

be developed as a superstore and a park for 328 cars by J. Sainsbury, the

evils' in rare cases,

By Clifford Longley

In an official Church of Eng-

land response to last week's statement by the Roman Catho-

lic Church on abortion, a rel-atively tough interpretation of the ethical issues is adopted,

but not an endorsement of the

absolute prohibition of abor-tion urged by the Roman Cath-olic bishops of England, Scot-land, and Wales last week.

The executive committee of

the Board for Social Respon-sibility of the General Synod

issued a statement yesterday after discussing the Roman

explaining that it had no auth-

ority to speak for the Church of England as a whole, said that in its view abortion could

be justified only when a woman's life or health was

seriously threatened by a preg-

issues, and urged Christians of all denominations to study the

Roman Catholic statement.

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Religious Affairs

Abortion 'lesser of two

In Roman Catholic moral theory, because it is always wrong to take innocent life, no circumstances can justify such an intention. It is allowable only as a secondary effect, resulting from actions and intentions towards saving the women's life.

The Church of England moral tradition, as set forward again in yesterday's statement, is that abortion is always an evil to be avoided, but can in

Anglican statement says some circumstances be judged the lesser of two evils.

Such circumstances are relatively rare, the statement says. "In a society such as ours, however, with advanced facili-ties for pre-natal diagnosis and care, such situations are today highly exceptional.

"Women today turn to abotion, or are encouraged to seek abortion, for quite other reasons, reasons which frequently point to seriously unsatisfactory personal or family circum-stances but which cannot on that account morally justify the extreme step of abortion.

At the same time that this cautiously conservative state-ment was released, the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev John Hapgood, has weighed into the argument with a letter to The Times, in which he criticizes the "moral blackmail" of the religious campaign against abortion.

He suggests that the Bill now before Parliament could At the same time, it crit-icized the medical profession for losing sight of the ethical lead to an illiberal interpretation of the law which was in its way as extreme as the over-liberal interpretation of the 1967 Act.

He argues instead for a code of conduct in the medical pro-fession, which could remedy proven abuses while leaving doctors with the flexibility that they require for the practice of good medicine.

Mr Giles Ecclestone, secretary of the Board for Social Reponsibility, interpreted yesterday's statement as meaning riding in the front seats of cars and provide for seat.

By Ian Bradley of cars and provide for seat. The Department of Transport belts to be fitted in the rear also said it was sympathetic to seats of all new cars and a the aims of the Bill but it felt. that the great majority of abortions now carried out in Britain were not morally justified but that there were objections to any attempt to impose by Act of Parliament an easy answer to the moral difficul-ties involved. The abortion issue could not be considered in isolation from the general state of society and its provision for those in need.

Letters, page 15

15,000 are expected to lobby for Corrie Bill

supermarket company. The Victorian

building has been closed since 1966.

Planning permission has been granted

by the Department of the Environment

after a public inquiry held last year.

More than 15,000 people are

Five Church leaders from the north-east of Scotland are taking part in support of the Bill and not in opposition to it, as stated in yesterday's edition of The Times. The five leaders delegation presenting four of Scotland's churches.

"It is the first time we have conie together on an issue, I think it is fair to say that it is

to reduce that "widespread

mons vesterday.

carnage ".

Messages of support for the

Sainsbury's scheme was supported by

Bath City Council. An application by

Tesco, Sainsbury's rivals, for a super-

store, conference centre, arts hall and

car park was refused.

delegation have come from the Rev Ronald Christie, of the Free Church, Wick, who heads the Free Church's own cam-paign in support of the Bill, as well as from the Rev John Tallach, of the Free Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen.
Mr Kenneth Hargreaves,
Mayor of Accrington, is tra-

velling in a Royal Navy frigate, HMS Nubian, to support the demonstration. Accrington adopted the frigare several years ago and it is the ship's last voyage before going into

reserve. Scott, Moderator of the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Church of
Scotland; Bishop George Sessford, Episcopal Bishop of
Moray, Ross and Caithness:
Continuous cities abroad and it was usual for civic dignitaries to be invited on board for such a vovage.

> did not know that the mayor was going on to an anti-aborissue and did not become involved in controversial matters.

tion rally afterwards. The Navy did not have views on that

already so valuable to courts pending the publication of the Weekly Law Reports, will have a vital role to play in the new He was sure that the captain system.

The initial database consists of Common Market law repeturopean Court reports, European Court Reports pean Court of Human Rights reports, European commercial cases, European treatics in English and French, and the European Law Digest In the United Kingdom

Law makes

into age of

technology

The law, traditionally associ-

ated with musty books and Stationery Office copies of

statutes, moved into the age of

technology yesterday with the

launching in London of a com-

puterized law service.
The service: known as Euro-

lex, is starting with a pilot scheme for 15 important sub-

scribers, and after they have fed in their comments on the

practical aspects of the operation, it will be running at full strength some time in the spring. Well over a hundred

organizations. universities, libraries and law firms have indicated that they will be

About 20 million word: will be available initially building

up to perhaps 50 million by the end of this year. The service takes in most of Western European law.

Eurolex is run by the Euro-

Eurolex is run by the European Law Centre, a whollyowned subsidiary of the
Thomson Organization. The
technical side is operated by
BOC Datasolve.
The main terminal is at the
European Law Centre's office
at A Bloomsbury Square, London, WC, but it is expected that
many of the bigger subscribers
will install their own terminals.
Speed is the great benefit

Speed is the great benefit that the service is planted to

offer. Information sought by offer. Information sought by for example, a solicitor in Durham or a don at Oxford will be available in many cases while he is waiting at the end of his telephone line.

Cheapness, is another aim Mr N. H. Nunn Price, data base director, said: "We have poid careful attention to the educa-tion of users and have desirated

tisjuing courses to give them

the know-how to get the best

our of the system at least cast.
"Our charging method will be based on usage—that is to

say the computer resources used in a particular session,

with a different rate for sarrah

ing, browsing or just killing time while thinking.

"The average charge will be \$40 an hour, but I must empha-

size that this is an average...

actual costs will vary according to the actual work being done."

In the interests of speedy

information on the state of the

law, The Times's Law Reports,

customers.

By Stanley Baldwin

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sector there are the Wack y

Two pickets arrested as tempers fray

From Craig Seton

Two flying pickets were arrested at Sheerness, Isle of Sheppey yesterday, as more than 50 tried to stop supplies to the only large private steel works in Britain where members of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, the main steel union, are still working normaliv.

The police said last night that two men, from Scunthorpe, were expected to be charged with obstruction. The flying pickets, from Sheffield, Rotherham and Scunthorpe, became increasingly angry during the day as lorries for Sheerness Steel continued to cross the picket line, frequently without stopping.

Sheerness police called for morning shift ignored pleas

cold, wet and in an increasingly angry mood because of the refusal of union colleagues in the plant to join them.

More than half of the plant's 815 workers are members of the defy union instructions to join the national steel strike because of Lord Denning's ruling in the Court of Appeal on Saturday.

Sheerness police called for reinforcements from the Kent from the pickets not to enter force and more than 20 were on duty as pickets' tempers became frayed and they attempted to block lorries entering the modern plant.

The pickets had started the day in good spirits, but by the modern described to the shouts of scape.

The plane depends on scrape.

ourt of Appeal on Saturday. the picket was having no Workers arriving for the noticeable effect on supplies.

The plant depends on scrap metal to produce 450,000 tons time of the arrests they were

of steel rods and bars a year. At least one lorry loaded with scrap metal was turned back, together with two lorries containing manganese, which is essential for steel melting, and tanker containing fuel oil. The pickets have said they

will continue the picket all week. But Sheerness Steel said

By Annabel Ferriman lobby for a more pro-life arti-

More than 15,000 people are expected to take part today in a mass lobby of MPs in support of the Abortion (Amendment) Bill, sponsored by Mr John Corrie, Conservative MP for Ayrshire, North and Bute. The Bill reaches its report stage on February 8.

They are the Rev James

Bishop Mario Conti, Roman Catholic Bishop of Aberdeen; Canon James Alexander, Couvener of the Episcopal Social Service Board, representing Bishop Frederick Darwent, Episcopal Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney; and the Rev Graham Bruce, Convener of the Public Questions Committee of the United

Free Church. Bishop Conti said yesterday: unique. We are going down to

A counter demonstration against the Bill is Loing organized for Parliament Square today by Nurses for a Woman's Choice on Abortion and Doctors for a Woman's Choice on Abortion.

Bill to ban children from car front seats

was introduced in the Com- proportion of private-hire cars. Mr George Robertson, Labour
MP for Hamilton, who sponsored the Bill, said that about 10,100 children under 15 were The Bill was welcomed by

injured every, year in road accidents and 83 were killed. needed to be clarified before it was made compulsory to carry children in the rear seat. It was rime Parliament acted "No acceptable restraint system has yet been devised for children in cars. Some children

The Bill, which was given an unopposed first reading, would prohibit children aged less than could be safer restrained in the front seat than unrestrained in 13 from riding in front seats the back seat", an official said.

Weather forecast and recordings

that the problems of children in cars could not be adequately dealt with in a private member's Bill.

It is waiting for evidence from the Joint Committee on Childhood Accident Prevent on. It pointed out that the High-way Code says that children should be restrained in the rear seats of cars.

Several European countries, including France and Luver-bourg, already ban children from front seats of cars.

Workers earn £10 a week less than their counterparts in gas and electricity

Water unions flex their considerable muscle

Shell tanker

drivers

About 2,000 Shell tanker drivers have accepted a 22 per cent pay offer, their union, the Transport and General Workers, said last night. Drivers employed by BP, Esso and Texaco have accepted similar offers.

Offer to ambulancemen: Britain's 17,000 ambulancemen yesterday received a 13 per cent pay offer in line with offers made to other public sector manual workers. The offer will be put to members of the four wings invasional. of the four unions involved. The settlement date of the

annual pay claim is the begin-ning of the year and after the local authority manual workers settled for 13 per cent and with the 250,000 hospital ancillary workers about to settle for the same amount, the ambulan-cemen are almost certain to

The basic minimum weekly rate for qualified ambulance-men, who form the majority covered by the offer, is £62.54, but that rises to £69.24 from April 1 as a result of the 21.8 per cent award made last year by the Clegg comparability

Labour Reporter The dispute in the water industry centres on a claim by

the four unions representing 32,000 manual workers that their members are being paid an average of £10 a week less than employees in the gas and electricity industries, sectors which in recent years the unions have sought to use as comparisons. Many of the water and sewerage workers do dirty, un-pleasant jobs, such as working

underground on sewer main-tenance, and they claim they should have parity with workers in the other public utilities. In the past year or so they have started to flex their con-siderable industrial muscle and the strength of grievance among the workers appears to be such that a situation could develop similar to the early days of the steel strike, when the leader-ship had difficulty in restraining the members.
Union leaders, while making

threatening noises in public, do not relish the prospect of lead-

lash from the public, who very soon could be facing intolerable hardships, but they are equally worried about appearing to take on the Government in what might be seen as a political challenge.

if a strike does take place, however, they will try to make it as effective as possible in the hope that the employers are equally chary about the possi-bility of a widespread break-down of the nation's water supply and sewerage system.

Last winter the water and sewerage workers threatened officially to join the "winter of discontent" and in some areas, notably the North-west, these was unofficial arising there was unofficial action over the pay offer made by the National Water Council. It was to avert national industrial action that both sides agreed to set up a joint study to compare wages with those of gas and electricity workers.

study showed a differential of rate, a five-hour reduction in the working week, longer holi-days and improved holiday pay. The rotal claim was worth at least 46 per cent.

The employers, bound by the Government's 13 per cent cash limit, replied with an offer of 13 per cent which the unions rejected just before Christmas.

During eight hours of talks on Monday the water council. on Monday the water council, representing regional water authorities and the private prepared to play second fiddle water supply companies, all the time.
increased the offer on basic rates by £2.50 a week, making focus of union negotiators' on Friday
Monday's meeting was the

ing the first national water agreeing the facts but disagreestrike. agreeing the facts but disagreestrike unless there was a commitment to negotiate "meannot only do they fear a backThe unions claim that the ingfully on comparability. Since the first strike threat by the General and Municipal Workers Union, attitudes in the about £10 a week, or 16 per by the General and Municipal ceut, and when this year's pay claim was submitted comparability was at the top of the list, followed by a £15 a week lic Employees, the agricultural increase in the basic minimum workers and the Transport and Transport a General Workers' hardened. The agricultural workers' executive deciding last week that it wanted the £10 a week paid in full.
The GMWU, a moderate

union which absorbed the old water workers' union in the mid-1970s, is taking the lead as the biggest union in the indus-try, but the more militant NUPE, which represents work-ers at the "dirty end" is not

rates by £2.50 a week, making focus of union negotiators' the total package worth about attention. The basic is just under £50 a week, but the More talks are to be held on Friday

Menday's magning and the first package world cost Monday's meeting was the £18m and raise average weekly employers' response to the earnings to between £91 and unions' threat of a national £114.

Today Son rises: . 7.43 am 4.45 pm Moon sets : Moon rises : 7.43 am 6.25 am 3.26 pm Full moon: February I.
Lighting up: 5.15 pm to 7.12 am.
High water: Loudon Bridge, 12.28
am, 6.7m: 12.55 pm to 7.12 am.
High water: Loudon Bridge, 12.28
am, 6.7m: 12.55 pm, 6.31 pm.
12.3m. Dover, 9.57 am, 6.1m; 10.24
pm, 6.2m. Hull, 5.01 am, 6.6m;
5.19 pm, 6.8m. Liverpool, 10.12
am, 8.6m; 10.35 pm, 8.6m.
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A depression will move away E over the North Sea but a frontal trough will affect Scotland. A further trough will reach SW England later.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, East Anglia, Midlands
(E) and (W), central S, central
N and SE England: Sunny periods,
dry: wind W moderate hacking S
light later; max temp 7 to 10°C
(45 to 50°F).

SW England, Channel Islands: Sunny intervals, isolated showers; cloudler by evening with some rain: wind SW moderate or fresh backing S: max temp 10 to 12°C (50 to 54°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY

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Lake District, NW England, N and S Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man: Sunny intervals, scattered showers, squally, especially near coasts; wind W moderate, locally fresh, becoming light and variable later: max temp 9° to 10° (48° to 50°F).

NE England: Bright intervals, occasional rain in N, especially later. Wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 6° to 8°C (43° to 46°F).

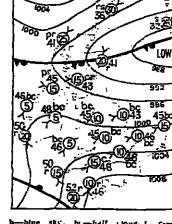
Boriless. Horay Firth central

Borle's, 'loray Firth, central Highlands, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen: Mostly clouds, outbreaks of rain, snow on hills; wind variable, moderate, becoming mostly N: max temp 3' to 6'C (37' to 43'F).

Argyli, SW Scotland: Rather cloudy, rain in places, but also dry periods in most peris; wind variable or NW, moderate: max temp 5° to 7°C 41' to 45°F). NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Sheeland: Occasional rain or sleet but becoming brighter with wintry showers: wind NE, fresh: max temp 2° to 4°C (36° to 39°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: some rain in England, Wales and N Ireland tomorrow, Brighter, colder weather spreading S from Scotland on Friday, Sea passages: S North Sea. Strait of Dever: Wind SW to W

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c. cloud ; d. drizzle, f,



fresh to strong; sea moderate orough.

English Channel (E): Wind W to SW fresh to strong, backing S later; sea moderate to rough.

St George's Channel: Wind W hacking S strong, decreasing moderate for a time: sea rough.

Irish 524: Wind W strong decreasing moderate Later; sea

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Talks on BBC 'Newsnight' Paisley threat to power-sharing dispute break down

By Kenneth Gosling

Talks at the offices of the Advisory, Conciliation and Because Newsnight covers Arbitration Service aimed at reboth news and current affairs, solving the BBC dispute that two departments which normblacked out Panorama and the ally have separate working first edition of Newsnight and arrangements and agreements, first edition of Newsnight and arrangements and agreements, curtailed the Nine O'Clock talks have been taking place for News on Monday night broke some time to agree on new down yesterday.

The dispute is to be discussed by the Association of

bers employed in the London television service. Because Newsnight covers

procedures

The sticking point between the union and the BBC manage-Broadcasting and Allied Staffs ment is over arrangements for and its television branches sending film crews to cover today.

The black-out came after a The union says the BBC

film crew which refused to should not have attempted to work on a Newsnight item was put on the programme while taken off the payroll. The negotiations were still in union called out all its memprogress.

That study was completed

towards the end of last year, with unions and management

From Christopher Thomas

grave difficulties last night over the fundamental issue of power sharing.

The tone was set by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, who said bluntly that he would have nothing to do with a new cabinet that included people other than those with the majority in an elected assembly.

He said: "No institutional-He said: "No institutional-ised Irish dimension or en-

forced power sharing can be

imposed on Northern Ireland. If

any British government ever

The Stormont constitutional conference on Northern Ireland's political future was in large of the Mr Paisley of old. Since the delicate negotiations began before Christmas to get the con-ference under way, he has been uncharacteristically conciliatory; his mood may now have reverted. It may, however, be

nothing more than an attempt

to reassure his party rank and

together and smash it. There

Mr Seamus Mailon, deputy leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, was strongly critical of Mr Paisley's "bullying". But there is still no talk of a walkout. All parties seem determined to hold the confertries to enforce this then the cuce together, although that is and that will co Unionist people will again band becoming increasingly difficult. session today.

The clash came on the sixth item of the fourteen-point agenda: the modus operandi of future administration Northern Ireland,

The party positions at present are: The DUP is willing to accommodate the SDLP to an unspecified extent in an elected assembly, but will have no truck with power sharing at executive level: the SDLP at this stage is merely seeking an assurance on its role in an elected body; the non-sectarian Alliance Party favours a system of elected committees with protections for the Catholic minority.

Yesterday was spent examining the Alliance Party's position and that will continue in a short

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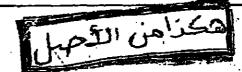
Yesterday

London: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 9°C (48°F): min 6 pm to 6 am, 5°C (41°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 66 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm. trace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm. 1.1 hr, Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.4 million. millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53 in.

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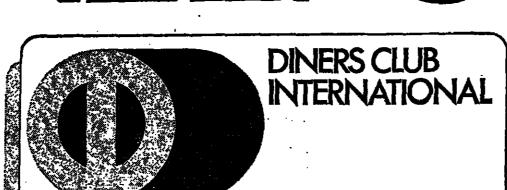


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Mr Callaghan says attempts to move games were 'botched'

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Mr. James Callaghan, the brations, but if they wish to go Opposition Leader, indicated and run, they should go and politely yesterday that he run thinks Mrs Margaret Thatcher. But everyone should be 1980 Olympic Games moved from Moscow to a new venue

Inatcher's efforts to get the the Soviet Union has treated Games moved. "But I think Dr Sakharov", Mr Callaghan we have got into a mess about said. "But if the athletes wish this", he said.

"I did not criticize the Government publicly in the Commons debate on Monday! because I did not think that this was the time to do so.

The Western position could have been coordinated far more than it was before we launched

Callaghan's views were in an interview with Mr Day, recorded for the BBC Panorama programme on Monday, but which could not be transmitted because of an industrial dispute. Yesterday extracts of the interview were given in the radio programme The World at One, presented

by Mr Day.

Mrs Thatcher has said that if the Games cannot be moved to other venues, the Government would consider what advice they should give to the British competitors. Mr Callaghan was asked what his advice would be.

He replied that "they should

Rebuff over help for Euro-MPs

By Michael Harfield Mrs Barbara Castle, the for-mer Cabinet minister and now leader of the European Labour MPs, was given a sharp rebuff by her former parliamentary colleagues last night when she sought backbench help to give European MPs House of Com-mons facilities.

The incident is another milestone in the blocking by the Opposition of any move to allow European MPs, from any party, to share the privileges of

Westminster MPs. Mrs Castle, along with Mr Richard Balfe, chairman of the Labour European MPs, and Mr Richard Caborn, put their case at a meeting of the Labour Party backbench parliamentary affairs group

They emphasized the importance of strong links between Westminster and the European Parliament and argued the need for access to some of the ser-vices available to MPs.

But the majority at the meet-ing, chaired by Mr George Cunningham, argued that the issue raised constitutional problems. One of the arguments was: Why should European MPs be given any more access than local coun-

Euro-MPs apparently advertisements. The recruittoned down their demands by | ing drive coincides with an ment, so that contact might be maintained; their original case argued for access to the vote office, restaurants and parliacrisis facing it. mentary services.

minimize the effects of indus-

trial disputes in the National

Health Service were welcomed

NHS guidelines approved

New guidelines designed to cedures has led to damaging

ediately. presenting the parties to the Both sides hope they will end dispute, under an independent

mery and the rest of the cele-brations, but if they wish to go

A letter claiming that extreme Welsh Nationalist organizations had united and and the Government have aware that the Soviet Union notched their attempt to get the had not really changed its were responsible for the campaign of fire-raising which has attitude on human rights and individual freedoms. You cannot respect a nation which destroyed 11 homes in the principality was examined by police yesterday. Basically, he agreed with Mrs treats its civilians in the way Thatcher's efforts to get the the Soviet Union has treated Games moved. "But I think Dr Sakbarov", Mr Callaghan

Referring back to the Hel-

sinki agreement on human rights, Mr Day asked whether,

in the light of recent events, detente was "dead".
"No", Mr Callaghan replied.
"Ir can't be dead because the

alternative is a return not only to the cold war but, owing to

the development of nuclear wea-

Labour campaign: A beer

mat campaign in clubs and public houses is the Labour

Party's latest weapon in a membership drive. The mat

(shown above) depicts a

gruesome Mrs Margaret

Thatcher by the cartoonist

Ralph Steadman, with the slogan " Upset her, join the Labour Party ". Launching

the campaign yesterday Mr

Eric Heffer, Labour MP for

picture of the Prime Minister

as " a cross between a witch

and a vulture". He said: " It

quarters as rather nasty and cruel. We do not think so.

will be regarded in some

We think it is pretty

flattering. The same drawing will

appear on posters, badges

and leaflets and in newspaper

increase in membership fees

The guidelines, agreed by the NHE General Whitley Council.

this year from £1.20 to £3

in an attempt to rescue the

party from the financial

Walton, described the

US Congress vote, page 7

at Bangor and was delivered hours after fire destroyed a two-storey farmhouse near Llandelio. Dyfed. The house, which had not been occupied Asked whether, if he had been Prime Minister, his approach would have been fundamentally different from for several months, was owned by a family who live in Cambridge. Mrs Thatcher's, Mr Callaghan said: "No, not in the short term, though I am not sure about the games: But in the long term, the Prime Minister's and the did not really look as An organization calling itself speech did not really look at the prospects beyond the immediate, so-called 'punish-ment' of the Soviet Union".

Cadwyr Cymru-The Keepers of Wales-claimed in the letter that its campaign had the backing and support of the IRA and ETA, the Basque separatist group.

It was addressed to the BBC

Extremists

'unite to

set homes

on fire'

From Tim-Jones

The letter was passed to the police, who formed a team of detectives after the attacks began last mouth.

It said that three militant groups, the Free Wales Army, the Patriotic Front and NAC—the Movement to Defend Wales -had combined to destroy the properties which they saw as direct attack on the cultural and linguistic base. The letter bore a crest

pon, perhaps to a nuclear war."
Mr Callaghan thought the reaction of the United States had depicting a white eagle similar to that used by the Free Wales Army, which was active in the 1960s and blew up pipelines carrying water to England.

Attempts to destroy two other homes failed despite the use of paraffin and an incen-diary device.

Most of the homes set on fire have been empty, but in one incident in Anglesey a woman was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom. The smell of smoke woke her and she escaped.

At Newtown, in Powys, a middle-aged couple had to move from a terrace cottage when an adjoining building was

Near one cottage destroyed by fire the letters BRC, which could stand for Byddin Rhyddid Cymru—Welsh for the Free Wales Army, scrawled on a wall.

An earlier letter sent from Oswestry is also in police hands. It has no crest and with out naming any organization it says that rural communities are being destroyed by second homes and that action should be taken "before these gestures

The farmhouse is owned by Mr Alan Watson, a Cambridge University don. Chief Insp Delmi Evans said that the last person to visit the farmhouse, on January 20, was Mr Watson's son, Andrew, a student at Parisa University of the Indiana.

Mrs Thatcher acts to avoid disruption of Government machine over pay

Secret committees to fight Civil Service strikes

Service pay round could be accompanied by disruption even men more severe than that which man occurred in Mr James Callag-han's "winter of discontent". The two committees, one

ministerial, one of civil ser-vants, are offshoots of Mrs Margaret Thercher's Economic Strategy Committee, The minis-terial group, the Economy Civil terial group, the Economy Civil The possibility is known to Service Committee, known in Whitehall as the "slaughter of Whitehall by its initials, ECS, the innocents" option.

for Employment. Working to Mr Prior's group is the Economy (Official) Civil Service Commir-tee, EOCS, with Mr George Moseley, a Civil Service Department deputy secretary, as chair-

The primary preoccupation of the two committees has been the legality of laying-off, without pay, non-striking officials who have no work to do because of disruptive action taken by fellow civil servants elsewhere.

By Peter Hennessy was originally the responsibility told by the Government's law of suspension without pay officers that slaughtering the clauses into the 1980 Civil innocent, would be illegal. A Service pay agreement for Employment working to machine and the public.

Ministers and senior civil Prior's group is the Economy (Official) Civil Service Committees have been staff and the insertion told by the Government's law of suspension without pay officers that slaughtering the clauses into the 1980 Civil innocent, would be illegal. A Service pay agreement new trade union law would be indeed. Such a statute has been judged impractical given the chair was taken by Mr ruled our because private sector. Inostile mood of the Civil employers would not support it. Service unions who are them like her judged impractical selves making contingency to introduce a law that would plans for industrial action.

to introduce a law that would apply to the Civil Service alone. The committees have considered papers which draw lessons from the disruption of 1979. Individual departments have been urged to revise their contingency plans in the light of recent experience, an exer-cise co-ordinated by the Cabinet groups of Mr Prior and Mr.

Ministers have also con-sidered concluding "no-strike" agreements with vital computer

Mrs Thatcher has exempted

Oxford faces

a zonking

From Trevor Fishlock

evangelical sortie.

Dr Billy Graham, who is said to have preached in person to

nearly 90 million beople in his

31 years on the Bible trail, is

back in Britain on another

This time he is confining his war against demonic forces and

war against unmount forces and a drive for new converts to Ox-ford and Cambridge, the train-ing grounds, as his aides say, of the leaders and politicians of

"Eilly has the gift of precipitating decision", Canon
Michael Green Rector of St
Aldate's Church, Oxford, said
yesterday. "That is one reason
I invited him here There is a
wave of religious feeling in
Oxford, with 40 per cent of
undergraduates soing to church

undergraduates going to church, and I knew we could use him here to give us an even greater boost. I did not want to this a single trick in bringing people to God. I believe Billy will be able to land a lot of fish.

"He will see the nurture groups we have set up to help

people who become converted. Getting conked by the Holy Spirit is a confusing experience

ar first and many people need counselling and Bible readings

to help them get oriented before they are channelled into

"Of course not everybody

approves of evangelism. But it is bound to be unpopular with some of those whose own shows are not growing as ours is."

Dr Graham will preach in Oxford tonight and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday People unable to get into the

town hall can watch a television relay which is costing four fifths of the estimated \$20,000 cost of the Oxford part of the

Dr Graham, who is aged 61 tanned, well-groomed, eagle eyed and flashing his beaming

white smile, met reporter white smile, met reporter yesterday. He said he had no brilliant speeches to make and indeed there was little new in what he said.

He spoke of demonic force: at work in the world. "Arma geddon is being mentioner these days. The devil would like to bring about a war to

destroy civilization. I have changed my position on nuclea

and chemical weapons in the past few years. I think the should be banned, but I am no for unilateral disarmament."

He said he had no plans r go to the Soviet Union this

Dr Graham said he had bee

invited to the enthronement of the new Archbishop of Cante bury. In Oxford, however, h

welcome has not been universal. The Lord Mayor of Oxfortal Buddhist, is not entertaining

Dr Graham, whose mission is to lighten darkness, yesterday gave a television interview

gave a television interview during which the light fused plunging the near by Oxfort Crown Court into gloom.

Oxford

from the

Civil Service disputes from her general policy of laisser faire to strikes. Where strikers are their own employees, ministers have been urged by the Prime Minister to take a strong line. The two Cabinet committees were set up in September after she had become incensed by the refusal of Department of Health and Social Security Officials in Washington, County Durham, to work overtime on child benefits.

Home Office

Mr William Whitelaw, Home Secretary, has agreed to see a film taken by trade unionists of the Special Patrol Group of the

yesierday.

Mr Harry Urwin, chairman
of the committee, said it had
told Mr Whitelaw it wanted the
Special Patrol Group to be disbanded. Generally, relations
trade union movement had
been excellent But the Special relationship.

The committee was particularly uneasy about the role of the SPG during the Southall disturbances in April, 1979, during which Mr Blair Peach was killed. The committee said it regretted the failure of the Government to set up an inde-pendent inquiry into the cir-cumstances Mr Peach's death. During the meeting the com-mittee emphasized the need to

introduce a Freedom of In-formation Act to establish the right of public access to public

Patrol Group was causing con-cern and could damage the

The committe also said it thought that the Special Patrol Group had not contributed to easing racial tension, particu-larly in London, and might even have exacerbated racial diffi-

to see pickets film

Metropolitan Police in action during the Grunwick dispute. He accepted the invitation from the TUC's employment and organization committee at a meeting in the Home Office.

The committee also told Mr Whitelaw that ordinary police officers had a vital role to play in protecting the community, often in dangerous circumstances. Their common sense in difficult industrial disputes was usually exemplary.

Commons move to get unpaid rates

Confait inquiry men released

No charges are imminent in the police investigation of the murder of Mr Maxwell Confait a homosexual prostitute, it 1972 Two men who had beet at Rochester Row police station Westminster, since Friday, lef

affects many claims By Marcel Berlins

Woman's equal pay case

Legal Correspondent
A case being heard by the
European Court of Justice in
Luxembourg today could have

Luxembourg today could have significant implications for the principle of "equal pay for equal work" in Britain.

If the decision favours the woman who has claimed that she has been denied equal pay on the ground of sex discrimination the impact of Erizain's nation, the impact of Britain's Pay Act may be yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin. say disputes should be settled Secretar yof State for Social at the lowest possible operational by management and unions, come into force impanel should be convened, re-

increased. Mrs Wendy Smith has been employed by Macarthys Ltd. which deals in pharmaceutical writh deals in pharmaceutical products, as stockroom manageress at £10 a week less than her male predecessor.

An industrial tribunal upheld

escalating local strikes such as chairman. If there is still no that as Charing Cross Hospital in London.

Mr Jenkin said: "In the ciliation and Arbitration Serher claim that the Equal Pay Act had been breached and the Employment Appeal Tribunal also ruled in her favour. The company appealed to the Court

of Appeal, which referred the case to the EEC court in Luxembourg. The Treaty of Rome lays down that "men and women should receive equal pay for

Robert Runcie, Archbishop-elect of Canter-

bury, as Bishop of St Albans is to be the Ven

equal work".
Mr Authony Lester, QC, for Mrs Smith, is claiming before the European Court that if comparisons could not be made with previous incumbents of the same job, the Equal Pay Act could never apply to jobs of which there was only one at

any particular time. The EEC Commission also supports Mrs Smith's claim. The United Kingdom government opposes her case on the ground that the treaty does not extend to a comparison of non-contemporaneous employments, and denies that the council directive is directly applicable in the United King-

By a Staff Reporter
Westminster City Council was
owed more than £500,000 in
rates on diplomatic missions,
Mr John Wheeler, Conservative
MP for Paddington cald vector. MP for Paddington, said yester-

New bishop: The successor to the Right Rev is photographed with his wife, Linda. The

John Taylor, Archdeacon of West Ham, the as top cadet. "It was one of the greatest moments of my life", he says. From the Religious Affairs Correspondent writes). He Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

day. He has tabled a series of Commons questions to Sir Jan

Gilmour, the Lord Privy Seal, urging the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to intervene. The rates outstanding are: Uganda High Commission, 58/59 Trafalgar Square, WC2 Trafalgar Square, WC2 had not been used for diplo-(£58,177); Rhodesia House, 429 matic purposes since the The Strand, WC2 (£324.578); unilateral declaration of inde-

Iraqi Embassy, flats at Consort Lodge, NW8 (£86,777); High Commission for Nigeria, 20/22 Inverness Terrace W2 (£27,206); Government of Cam-

Archdeacon joined the RAF as an officer

cadet in 1952 and won the Sword of Honour as top cadet. "It was one of the greatest moments of my life", he says. From the

on diplomatic mission building

A spokesman for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said that it paid rates on all build-ings used for diplomatic purposes and it had no bills outstanding.

Rhodesia House, however, had not been used for diplo-

pendence in 1965 and the former Cambodian Embassy was now occupied by the Moonies, a religious sect. Diplomatic relations had been bodia, 21 Avenue Road, NW8
(E11,583).

A spokesman for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said that it paid rates on all building could far any embassy owned a feet of the country owned a specific state of the country of the country owned a specific state of the country owned a specific state of the country owned as a specific state of the country of the country owned as a specific state of the country owned as a specif building which was used for other purposes, by the country's national airline, for example, the Foreign and Commonwealth

yesterday.

Mr Confait was strangled in his bed-sittingroom in Catford Office was not responsible for

Nuclear inspectorate faces

south London. The police in quiry is continuing.

in London. Mr Jenkin said: "In the past, the Jack of sensible pro-Toyota describes Datsun attack as dishonourable

By Peter Waymark
Motoring Correspondent
Datsun's attack on the Society
of Motor Manufacturers and Traders in a full-page newspaper advertisement was described as dishonourable by a rival Japanese car importer vesterday.
Mr John Pride, managing

director of Toyota GB, said: "If vou join a club you must expect it to operate in the way it thinks best. If you disagree with that policy the option is open to resign. As members of the club you must go along with the rules."
The Datsun advertisement

claimed that the company's dealers were being kept short of cars because of import restrictions negotiated by the SMMT with the Japanese manufacturers' association. The restrictions were designed to help the British car industry but had helped only European

importers. Mr Pride said firms importing Jepanese goods into Britain had to accept that trade must be two way. His company, the Inchcape group, tried to main-tain a balance, selling British goods to Japan in return for imported Toyota cars.

The Datsun advertisement appeared in several national newspapers last Friday. It was withdrawn from The Times after changes had been requested by the editor. Mc William Rees-Mogg.

£91,000 forest appeal

An appeal launched in November for £350,000 to preserve Ashdown Forest, Sussex, has raised £91,000, it was announced

Razed gardens start a legal wrangle

Bulldozers have levelled a a legal wrangle over the owner-ship of the land.

The eight house owners involved say that the land belongs to them under common law. They argue that they have built more than 50 years ago. Jessop, of Bournemouth, which is developing the land for a new housing estate, says it has It title déeds and acted properly.
Mr William Hallett, aged 68,
a retired bus driver, who lost

would be small'

The impact of noise, road traffic and air pollution caused

by the proposed extension of Gatwick Airport would be small, a public inquiry at Crawley, West Sussex, which

opened vesterday, was told. It would not justify the rejection of the scheme, Lord Silsoe, QC, for the British Airports

Authority, said.

The inquiry, which is expected to last three months, is

into the BAA's planning application for permission to build a second terminal and ex-

pand the cargo and maintenance

area at the amport. The new terminal would raise the cap-acity from 16 million to 25

million passengers a year.

The inquiry inspector, Mr
John Newey, QC, will report to

the Departments of the Environ-

ment and Trade and Industry.

which will make a decision

expansion

half his garden to the bulldozers, said: "They just drove through the gardens. We didn't

vicar said: "I woke up and saw the buildozers carving their way along the row of gardens. It was a horrifying experience. "By the time our solicitor arrived they had finished. They left one garden intact because subject to litigation."

the householder had the ownersaip of the land on the deeds of the house."

Mr Albert Chubb, aged 83, a former mayor of Bridgort, said that he had lived in his house for 50 years and had always for 50 years and had always tended the garden.

"I paid rent until 1970 then no one asked me for any more", he said. "No one objected to the fact that I was still tending the garden

Mrs Dawn Thomas, a director of Jessop, said: "We have begun developing a site we believe we own. The matter is in the hands of solicitors and may be

Effect of Gatwick £20m loss in first year predicted for ITV4

By Kenneth Gosling The fourth television channel would lose between £20m and £25m in its first full year of operation, Mr William Brown, managing director of Scottish Television and chairman of the Independent Television Companies Association, predicted yesterday.

"What last week's announcement has emphasized is that the run-up costs are formidable" he told the Broadcasting Press Guild in London. "In the months when heavy

investment in both hardware and software is being made without any income from advertising, a very substantial sum must be found." The companies would have to pay 570m in 1982—at 1979 prices—as fourth channel subscription and an additional £12m in extra rental.

If the service started on schedule there might be £10m in advertising revenue to set against that charge and it was not unrealistic to assume that the net cost in 1982 would be between £70m and £75m. Industry profits before levy vould be reduced from about

£110m to about £40m; after

levy, to. £20m. The contractors were still prepared to go ahead enthusiastically with proposals for the fourth channel. Commenting on the proposed

national breakfast-time tele-vision service. Mr Brown questioned whether it was prudent to start two new services—fourth channel and breakfast—at about the same time when both were dependent on advertising revenue.

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In brief

Terrorism Act Police in Brite'n detained 857 suspects under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Pro-visions) Act during 1979, over 200 more than in the previous year, according to Home Office

More held under

statistics issued vesterday. Since the Act was introduced in 1974 to counter IRA activity, it has been used to detain more than 4,500 people. Only one slith of those detained during the year were later charged or excluded from Britain.

Soldier recalled

Fusilier Stuart Smith-Blain, who was seen on television shouting at Sinn Fein marchers in Birmingham at the weekend, was yesterday recalled to Bas-singbourn Barracks, Cam-bridgeshire to face discliplinary

Sausage standard Pork sausages should contain at least 35 per cent lean meat, the Foods Standard Committee recomends in a report to the

Cleaning fluid death A verdict of accidental death was recorded yesterday on Sara Reading, aged 12, of Bracknell Road. Camberley, Surrey, who died after inhaling dry cleaning

Man dead in cell An unidentified man arrested

found dead in police cells at Poole. Dorset, last night. Explosion at flat Mr Patrick Shannon, aged 74, of Exmouth Way, Birkenhead, was critically ill in Birkenhead

General Hospital last night after an explosion at his flat. £100,000 jewelry theft Jewelry valued at £100,000 was stolen yesterday from a shop in Hoddesdon,

Some hostesses at club willing for intercourse'

Half of the hostesses at Churchill's Club in the West End of London would be willing to have sexual intercourse with customers they liked, a hostess named as Miss Carmen said at Knightsbridge Crown Court, London, yesterday.

A man looking for intercourse

would be able to find a willing partner at the club, Miss Carmen, aged 34, added. She said there were about 20 hostesses at the club in New Bond Street on any given night.
Some girls left the club with customers, but that was not with the knowledge of the management, she continued. She said she used to sleep with customers in return for presents of between £50 and £60. of between £50 and £60.

Harry Meadows, aged 63, of Queen Street, Mayfair, and his son, Andrew, aged 38, of Chesterfield Gardens, Mayfair, directors of the club, deny living off the immoral earnings of hostesses at the club between 1975 and 1977.

and 1977 The trial continues today.

increasing staff shortage The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate, which oversees the safety of Britain's nuclear power stations and fuel fac-

the rates, he said.

tories, is facing an increasing shortage of skilled staff. With the recent expansion in the inspectorate's role of providing more information for the nuclear debate and with an increase in nuclear power planned. Mr Ronald Gausden, Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, said yesterday: "It has not proved possible to recruit the required additional staff to deal with all the tasks forms the investment."

facing the inspectorate".
It is 17 short of its complement of 104. Air Gausden, writing in the foreword to the inspectorate's blennial report, said that was mainly due to two problems. The inspectorate's London-based staff faced dispersal to Bootle, Lancashire, which had met a strong response from most inspectors. "This is also reflected in the

that they will be required t move to the north of England "It is also clear that eng neers and scientists of th calibre required who are en ployed in government servic have had relatively little co couragement to remain with a join the inspectorate. Condition and salaries have been mucmore attractive in outsid

organizations." A representative of the it spectors' group in the Institution of Professional Civil Ser generating industry for equivalent jobs were about £14,000 compared with just over £11,00 for most inspectors.

A recruitment campaign i under way but an official for the Health and Safety Execu tive, the inspectorate's parer body, said: The numbers an quality of recruits turning up i response to our recruiting efforts has not been as goo refusal of possible new entrants as normal".

to more than £100. Mr Stanle

Birth and death grants defeat

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent The Government yesterday deleated attempts to restore the value of the maternity and death grants this November, when the next increase in social security benefits is due. Mrs mothers from receiving the Lynda Chalker, Under-Secretary of State for Social Security.

The Government is less keen on suspicion of burglary was told the standing committee of the Social Security Bill that the 193m cost in a full year was

grants. It is understood to be sympathetic to calls for an im-provement in the maternity spokesman, and Minister fo grant, last raised in 1969 to £25. Social Security in the las and it is considering dropping government, said they woult the contribution condition that have been the next priority excludes many young and poor Labour had won the election.

of £30. A survey commissioned to place a duty on the Secretar too much in present circumstances.

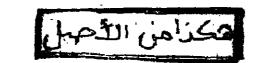
Opposition amendments designed to restore the grants to
their value when they were last
raised and then to index-link
them, were defeated by ten

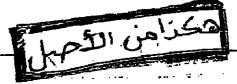
of E30. A survey commissioned to place a duty on the Secretar
of State to report to Parliamen
if the estimates on which per
solutions and other benefits prov
to be too low, with proposal
for a bonus to make good th
shortfall. The second calls for
two increases in child, benefit
death grant a selection benefit votes to nine.

The decision does not rule out all change next November, since the Government has indicated that it is reviewing both since the decision does not rule out all change next November, since the Government has indicated that it is reviewing both since the more realistic level.

The opposition amendments their value with prices, and dicated that it is reviewing both some size of the size

Mr Andrew Bennett, Labou MP for Stockport North, ha tabled two new clauses to th on raising the death grant, last Bill in response to government raised in 1967 to a maximum announcements. The first seek







These days, car salesmen offer you the options list the way waiters offer you the à la Carte.

Leaving you to choose the fixtures and fittings according to your pocket.

A state of affairs which we find lamentable.

are face

ortage

in the Royale. For example, automatic transmission is standard. (You can have manual, if you prefer, at no additional cost.)

Nor is the car required to embrace a variety of humbler engines.

Only one is offered: a 2.8 litre 6-cylinder unit that

accelerates the Royale to a top speed of 115 mph.

Inside, the furnishings are such that even the most critical of travellers will find little to carp at.

The seats are covered in crushed velour with head

Hence, the appointments, generally found on the options lists of other cars, are already present restraints at the rear as well as the front.

In fact, the Royale's specification is so complete that the only option offered is air conditioning.

You can even adjust the driver's seat for height, as well as for reach and rake.

Additionally, the steering wheel can be tilted and the steering is powered.

Those interested in the smaller details will find

central locking for the doors, an electronic boot release, a sliding steel sunroof and radio/stereo cassette player.

While outside are double-skinned metallic paint, alloy wheels and a headlamp wash/wipe system.

these virtues to you.

And you'll find he hasn't the slightest inhibition about extolling the car's remarkable value.

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WEST EUROPE

Planning Reporter

Grantham Clear and unmistekable proof of national need was a first essential for the granting of the Vale of Belvoir, Sir Frank Layfield, QC, said yesterday. In the 10 weeks that the public inquity had so far lasted the National Coal Board had failed to demonstrate such a need. The board's case was quite inadequate, he claimed.

Sir Frank was addressing the inquiry on behalf of Leicestershire County Council, one of more than fifty objectors to the

"No single case since the end of the Second World War has been the subject of a planning inquiry where the proposals in question have had so great an impact on the English countryside", he said. "Nor have any been promoted which are likely to continue over a greater period."

So far the inquiry had almost exclusively contemplated the problems which would arise if permission were refused. He was now asking it to consider the economic as well as the environmental dangers of grant-

The structure plan setting out strategic development policy for the county had been approved in May, 1976. At that time the existence of the Belvoir coal reserves was well known, as could be seen from the board's document Plan for Coal, formulated in 1973 and published in June, 1974. That published in June, 17/1. That plan made it quite clear that if any new mineral workings were to be approved, they would have to be shown to be in the national interest. It was quite uprealistic to

put forward an argument for No evidence had been advanced the extraction of coal on any for the emergence of such a

classes in Avon yesterday as teachers began a three-day

strike over education cuts, and in Nottingham more children

were affected in a separate

dispute over suspension of a school mistress.

As nine secondary schools in Avon, with a total roll of 14,000

were affected by the strike, the

county's education committee chairman, Councillor Norman

Reece, claimed that few members of the National Union of

He said: "The strike action is cracking at the seams. I think it is futile."

his committee was criticized

for making £4m education cuts this year, but if it had deferred

would have been carastrophic.

in 1980-81 would then have had

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent
The Government's controversial assisted places scheme

sial assisted places scheme moved nearer realization yester-

day when clause 17 of the Edu-

cation Bill, under which the £55m scheme would be set up.

passed its committee stage in

the Commons after more than 35 hours of debate.

Most of the details of the scheme, including such crucial matters as who would be eligible for Government assis-

tance with independent school

fees, still have to be settled. Mr Mark Carlisle, Secretary

of State for Education and Science, is expected to decide

on a possible scale of remission

soon, and will publish proposals for comment in the next few

Miner wins back

A miner has won a four-year battle to stop his union from

deducting a political levy of £2.20 a year from his pay.

Mr William Richards, aged 63, of Bhdworth, near Mans-

field, Nottinghamshire, has been

given back his money by the Nottinghamshire branch of the

National Union of Miners after it was ruled that the deduction,

for the Labour Party, broke the 1913 Trade Union Act.

from this date.

membership renewal date.

The

American Express Card

effect from 1st February 1980 the fees for American

Enrolment fee per account £15.00Annual subscription for each card . £12.50

A new scale of rebates reflecting the number of

Corporate Cards held by a company is also effective

For established accounts the new annual

American Express Company Incorporates with Limited Libelity in the U.S.A. J. S. Quartley, Resident Vice-President – United Kingdom and Ireland.

subscription rate will be charged at the next

Express Corporate Card accounts will become:

American Express Company announces that with

political levy

Mr Reece said in Bristol that

cuts the result next time

My estimate is that the cuts

Teachers were involved.

teachers start strike

About 7,000 pupils missed in Avon, although only a few

Tuesdays, Thursdays.

lessons.

to be around £10m."

Mr Jack Evans, Avon NUT spokesman, said the strike was a protest over staffing and was a protest over staffing and was a first school, two primary schools and one

supported by the 5,000 members secondary school.

Assisted places nearer

school, Bristol.



Frank Layfield, QC: Board's case "quite inade-

large scale independently of an assessment of overall national energy needs, he continued. But the board had presented no such assessment.
The Department of Energy

forecasts showed the demand for coal for power stations peaking in 1990 at between 89 million and 94 million tons and falling to between 66 million and 75 million tons in the year 2000. It appeared therefore that the Belvoir mines would come into operation in the very decade in which a steep decline in demand for coal was taking

"Are not these very surpris-ing figures on which to base the case for an overwhelming national demand for coal in the first 20 years of the Belvoir project?" Sir Frank asked. Nor could the case for eco-nomic need be justified by pos-sible demands in markets other than power stations, he argued. No evidence had been advanced

were involved yesterday.

The stoppages are to be

repeated over the next two weeks. In all, 30 secondary

schools will be involved on

Pupils off yesterday were mainly in the first three years.

Headmasters made alternative

arrangements to ensure that senior pupils were given

striking teachers for breach of

contract at a rowdy meeting at Hartcliffe comprehensive

Fifty teachers in the Notting-

ham area begun a three-day

strike in support of a nursery mistress, Mrs Eileen Crosbie, aged 36, suspended for refusing

to teach a class of 40.

The stoppage closed St
Albans infant school at Arnold,

their tuition fees paid by the Government, regardless of the size of the fees. The school, however, must be a designated

As the family income

increased, so the Govern-

ment assistance, payable in the

form of a flat-rate grant, would

decrease. Families with two

children and a gross annual in-

come of £10,000 or above would

receive no assistance at all.

Those with two children and a

gross income of £8,000 would receive £550 towards the cost

powers to set up regional lotteries offering big cash prizes

of £100,000 or more if town hall

lotteries were to have any

chance of survival, Mr Richard

assisted-places school.

Parents threatened to sue

Wednesdays and

demand did arise, there was no evidence that Belvoir was the place best fitted to meet it. "We invite you to say that the coal board's case fails on the essential question of need ",

Sir Frank said that environ-mental effects had been con-siderably underestimated. The vale was one of the few areas of southern England which were relatively unspoiled and where agriculture was unhindered in supplying the nation's food. The board's pro-posals would undoubtedly cause

mportant agricultural losses. Some 595 hectares would be lost permanently and 589 hec-tares lost temporarily, or more accurately, not entirely permanently. Apart from the mine shafts and tips, land would be taken for a large number of

other projects.

If the life of the coalfield was extended from 50 to 75 years the additional land take was estimated at between 166 and 366 bectares, making a total of between 1,350 and 1,550 hectares.

Among other drawbacks he listed were the severance of farms; damage from subsidence and disturbance to water , electricity supply lines and high pressure gas mains.
There were considerable doubts
about the board's estimates of
the rate of tip restoration and
of the amount of land that
would be out of use at any one

There would be a disturb-ing and endemic loss of agri-cultural land on a scale unprecedented except in the case of the very largest defence installations," he said. The council's estimate for the loss in crop values was £20.6m over 50 years and £28.1m over 75 years, compared with the board's figures of £3.2m and £4.9m respectively.

7,000 pupils miss classes as **Princess Anne** may bid for part of airfield

Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips will have a chance to buy an airfield when the Government auctions a disused military aerodrome in the Cotswolds later this year. They are believed to be interested in bidding for part of Aston Down, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, which adjoins their Gatcombe Park Estate. A gliding club which has

been using the runways for weekend flying said it would be bidding. "We are prepared to pay the market price for the runway system", Mr John Hol-land, the Cotswold Gliding Club president said. "But we want a chance to buy the runways, con-trol tower and hangar facilities before the public auction."

guizers go on the march From Rouald Faux

Jan the Bear Hunter, the Guizer Jarl, flames reflecting in the metal of his winged belmet, breastplate and axe, led his squad of grandly robed and rowdy Vikings through the streets of Lerwick last night. Behind them 800 torch

bearers in carnival dress marched and sang songs about fiery forefathers, battle cries thundering o'er the quaking earth and tyrants being brought to their knees. With the ritual burning of a

Viking longship turning or a Viking longship turning the night sky crimson, another Up-Helly-Aa of feasting, drinking and bonfires had begun.

The festival is really a private affair for the folk of Ler-

wick, but Soothmoothers (anyone from outside the island) are welcome if they are tena-cious enough to reach Shetland on the last Tuesday in January when air and seaways are invariably struck by snow, fog, blizzards or all three.

The Up-Helly-Aa rule is that

the procession takes place whatever the weather and with pagan zest the 40 squads of pagan zest the 40 squats of guizers (disguised men), each squad with its particular theme and astonishing costumes, march through the town and take turns to visit a dozen or so halis where they perform spectacular acts.

The festivities never end be

fore another wintry dawn has crept like a headache over Lerwick and last year it was four in the afternoon before the Guizer Jarl crashed into

his bed.
Jan the Bear Hunter, alilias
Mr Donald Leslie, greengrocer
and confectioner, said that although Up-Helly-Aa had all the
air of a pagan Viking affair,
the festival in its present form
was hardly a hundred years old. There are strong Norse con-nexions, hence the adoption over the years of such heroic Nordic names as King Magnus Barelegs, Halfdan the Black, Tore the Hound and Earl Thor-finn the Mighty for the Guizer Jarl.

Up-Helly-An is a homely cele-bration underkining the islands' ancient Nordic links and the distinctive qualities of Shet-landers. This sense of identity has taken stronger form since the oil industry arrived at Sullom Voe and the economy of the islands came under

The Shetland Movement, an independent group, now has more than 500 members, includ-ing nearly balf the elected council. It is demanding a new status for Shetland, more auto-nomy and a better deal for the depressed fishing industry. Once the Up-Helly-As embers have cooled the movement will put proposals for important constitutional reforms to its members. If agreed, they will go to the Shetland Islands Council and then to the Govern-

Refusal of aid to disabled put to Ombudsman

By Our Political Staff An investigation by the Ombudsman into the validity of a local authority decision to halt financial assistance for aids recommended in the Department of Education and Science, and adaptations in the homes of severely disabled people was a family with a gross annual in-come of £4,500 a year or less of severely assault below was requested yesterday by Mr Ahred Morris, Labour MP for Manchester, Wythenshawe, the former Labour Minister for the and two children would have all

His call is based on correspondence which he received after his article in The Times of January 16 entitled "Where there is no saving in being mean". He was told of a family in Trafford who have a son aged 14 suffering from muscu-lar distrophy who has become too heavy for his father to carry upstairs. The parents asked for

overspending on the budget."

Mr Morris said that the provisions of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act, 1970, had been abandoned. In his letter to the Ombuds-man, Mr Morris calls attention man, Mr Morris caus earenton
to a ruling given by a previous
Ombudsman (Sir Idwal Pugh)
in May, 1976, that "the Department [of Health and Social
Security] received legal advice
that a local authority could not

Minister for Social Security, about another case involving a disabled child in Trafford, where the cost of an adaptation

a stair lift.

The Trafford social services minister totally ignored the department said: "It became issues of principle and legal necessary to call a halt to all duty". jackets, one coat and six pairs Big prizes urged for council lotteries

tial savings in public spending, lotteries are an effective way of faced with an in-house opera-tion or no lottery at all. helping to fill the gap. There The maximum prize was at present restricted to £1,000. But there was irrefutable evihas never been a time when they were needed more."

Mr Brew called for a change dence that attractive prizes, such as a jackpot of £100,000 or Greater London Council, said in legislation to allow the setting up of regional lottery sesterday.

"It would be a regard if such

more were the key to high turnover and success. "It would be a tragedy if such a valuable source of income was lost", he said. "At a time when

Man killed his wife during break from work, QC says

From Our Correspondent Nottingham

Leslie James, a fitter, took half an hour off work "for personal reasons" and went home and murdered his wife, Mr Percy Grieve, QC, for the ant and did nothing about it' prosecution, said at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday. Two workmen heard the killing taking place but did nothing about it, counsel added.

After suffocating his wife and stabbing her with a clasp knife he had borrowed from a workmare, Mr James, aged 36, retarned to his job at an engineering works. At lunch-time he left work again and changed the lock on the back door of his wife's home in Norton Street, Grantham.

Mr Grieve said that Mrs Jennifer James, aged 33, left her husband in December, 1978, and set up home in Norton Street. She formed a relation-

ship with Mr Nigel Duffield who planned to live with her. On May 1, last year, two workmen heard loud screams and a heavy thud from Mrs James's house. "Unfortunately they dismissed it as unimportcounsel continued.

When Mr Duffield went to the house later that night he found Mrs James's hody lying in the hall in a bloodsoaked nightdress. She had been stabbed three times. When interviewed Mr James

said he had gone to visit his wife to discuss their children, Mark, aged 11 and Sarah, aged eight. He said he "just went mad" when his wife told him he would not be able to see the children again when she and Mr Duffield set up home to-

Mr James, of Hornsby Road, Grantham, has denied a charge of murder.

The trial continues today.



From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Jan 29 Mr Peter Walker, the Minister of Agriculture and his EEC colleagues today approved total catch limit for 1980 for the main species of fish caught in Community waters, as well as a system of catch reporting to enable observers of these limits to be monitored by the Europeen Commission Agreement on these two

points represents important progress in the two years of nego-tiations on a common EEC fisheries policy. But the question of how to share out the total catch is still manswered. Mr Walker had indicated that Britain might be willing to modify its previous blanket opposition to any fishing agreements with non-EEC countries prior to a settlement of the Community's internal lishing

The British attitude, first laid down by Mr Walker's Labour, predecessor, Mr John Silkin, has held up agreements on reci-procal fishing right with a num-ber of Scandinavian countries. Britain may now be ready to look at such agreements on a

ory approach is seen by some as an attempt to improve the atmosphere for discussion of Britain's eslaim for a reduction in its contribution to the EEC budget. The French, among others, have linked any concessions on the budget to evidence

of Britaish goodwill in other It is still not clear, however, whether Mr Walker is prepared to be more flexible over what bave hitherto been Britain's two main demands; exclusive fishing rights for British fisher-men within 12 miles of the coast and a preferential share

of the catch between 12 and 50 British waters contain about 60 per cent of all the fish caught in the EBC's collective 200-mile "pond". The British view up to now, supported by British fishermen, has been that British trawlers should be allocated about 45 per cent of the total Community catch.

The best offer to date would not give British fishermen more than about 25 per cent of the total catch, and there is no sign yet that other member states are prepared to be more

Surplus butter sales cannot be stopped

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Jan 29
Despite much huffing and
puffing from British ministers
about the "scandal" of cutprice sales of surplus EEC butter to the Soviet Union, there is very little they can do to stop
this trade, given the way the
Community works.

The only consolation for the

EEC consumer is that this year the Russians will have to be content with older stocks of butter, some of which have been in storage for a year or Normally at is the long-suf-fering EEC housewife on whom

fering EEC housewife on whom these less-than-fresh supplies, dressed-up as cut-price "Christmas butter", are palmed off, while the Sowiet Union revictuals itself straight from the Community market with the aid of handsome export subsidies paid for by the EEC taxpayer.

From the beginning of nextmonth the Commission will operate a new system for courolerate a new system for control-ling butter sales to the Soviet Union and East Europe. Every fortnight, traders will be asked to submit tenders for export of butter from the Com-munity's stockpiles, and the Commission will accept the best offers.

Last week Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EEC Commis Gundelach, the EEC Commissioner for Agriculture, indicated that over the year as a whole the Commission intended

Italian terrorists kill sixth victim as

to permit the sale of about 60,000 to 80,000 tonner to the Soviet Union butter to the Soviet Union under this tender system. Mr Gundelach argued that exports of this order were "normal" and thus in line with the decision of EEC foreign ministers earlier this month to respect "traditional trade flows" with the Russians while not helping them to fill gaps left by American sanctions.

The Commission's figures are based on butter exports to the Soviet Union during the last three years. A longer reference period—favoured by Britsin would produce a much lower level of "normal" sales because there were virtually no exports in the three years up to

of exports judged appropriate by the Commission can only be challenged by a two-thirds majority of the votes held by member state. Since big countries have more votes than small, the Commission would only need two big countries on In fact, Britain is very much

in a minority in the view it takes of butter sales to the Russians. Indeed any pressure on the Commission is likely to be in the direction of increasing sales beyond the figure men-tioned by Mr. Gundelach rather

'Soft strike' in support of Professor Küng

From Our Own Correspondent Bonn, Jan 29

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Jan 29
A man was killed and eight

people were injured, three of them badly, when a bomb exploded this morning at the Syrian embassy in Paris, two hours before the arrival of Mr

Abdul Helim Khoddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister.

The explosion occurred at 11.30 am when about 30 members of the embessy staff were

on the premises. It wrecked the whole of the ground floor and part of the first floor.

A young French woman, applying for a visa, had a mir-

actilous escape. The Syrian Ambassador was in his office

Ampassacor was in his orace on the first floor at the back of the building. The dead man is Mr Hammani Marwaene, aged 34, a member of the administra-

tive staff who died from his

The bomb appears to have been placed in the office where visas are delivered and the force of the blast was such that a chambermaid who hap-

wounds shortly afterwards.

Roman Catholic theology students at Tübingen University today started a two-day "soft strike" in protest against the Varican's decision to ban Professor Hans Küng from

teaching
The students said they would
demand that instead of lectures,
students and dons should discuss the ban. If they did not
get their way within 10
minutes, they would walk out
They appear unlikely to meet much resistance because most of the staff support Dr Küng and his efforts to remain in the faculty.

Well dressed thieves Paris, Jan 29.-Moments after the theft of clothes from a Paris shop police were able to arrest two men wearing the loot, 14 leather windcheaters, three

Belgian rail strike Brussels, Jan 29 .- A one-day strike for more pay by engine drivers halted half of Belgian train services today.

fate of security Bill is still in balance attack on the ground that it station.

Rome, Jan 29

A policeman picks his way through the debris after the blast

Man dies after bomb

explosion at embassy

Terrorists today claimed their sixth victim so far this year with the killing of Signor Silvio Gori, deputy technical director of the Montedison petro-chemical plant at Mestre as he was leaving his home for work.

she was hurled against a wall. Firemen had to clear a mass

of debris before they could

reach the injured.

A Syrian diplomat said there

had been no threats against the embassy recently and there was

no special security guard in the

building, located on the edge of the Bois de Boulogne. He

did not exclude the possibility

nected with the visit of the

Syrian minister, who is in Paris as the guest of M Jean Fran-

cois-Poncet, his French col

Additional police measures were taken immediately after

the explosion for the minister's

the explosion for the minister's security. This is the third attack against an Arab embassy since 1973, when a Palestinian terrorist group took 16 hostages at the Saudi Arabian embassy. In 1978, two people, including a policeman, were killed in the shooting that followed the taking of hostages by two Palestinian terrorists.

Witnesses say that three people shot him, A woman later telephoned a Venice newspaper and claimed responsibility in the name of the extreme leftwing Red Brigades. The murdered man was 48, and married, with an 18-year-old daughter. He had worked at the plant on the Venetian lagoon since 1975.

There is little indication why he was chosen as his work was described as purely technical. All three main trade union federations jointly called for a strike and a demonstration of

protest. The other five victims so far were Signor Piersanti Mattarella, head of the Sicilian regional administration whose regional administration whose killers have still not been identified beyond doubt as political terrorists; three policemen and a carabiniere officer. Any army officer has been severely wounded and 18 policemen were injured in the

This latest killing has come in the wake of the Govern-ment's decision last night to

make parliamentary approval of its anti-terrorist measures a question of confidence to end obstructionism in the Chamber of Deputies.

The small Radical Party which has 18 deputies has put down 7,000 amendments to the measures. In the course of a free debate, all these would be introduced and explained by the party.

The measures are arready in effect in the form of decrees but need parliamentary approval to become permanent.
Without such approval, they would lapse 60 days after havwith says of days after having been introduced, a deadline which falls in mid-February. The action of the Radicals would certainly have taken the debate beyond that deadline Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Prime Minister, was faced with a difficult decision. The impos-ence of Parliament in the face of obstructionism on this scale

deprives Parliament of its right to initiate legislation and leaves it with the task only of approving reprospectively what the Government has decided to do. The Radical Party's obstructionism combined with the Government's reaction in making the issue a matter of confidence means in effect that Parliament is unable to make what might be seen as improve-

ments in the decrees. There is also a certain risk for the Government. Some of the Socialists on whose abstentions the Government depends : . for its parliamentary majority do not like the texts as they stand. At the same time the Socialist Party as a whole would certainly be aware of the risks of bringing down the Government at a difficult moment on a very delicate issue indeed.

The continued killing may be seen either as added evidence of the need for stronger measures or as an indication that the decrees so far have shown little efficacy. A successwas already causing concern because of the falling prestige ful outcome of the vote which will be taken later this week cannot wholly be taken for granted. of parkiamentary institutions. The habit of legislating by

Nato awaits Warsaw Pact reply on offer to cut back troop numbers in Europe From Frederick Bonnart

Brussels, Jan 29 Western countries negotiating

the reduction of forces in Europe are awaiting a response from the Warsaw Pact to a package offered by Nato at the end of last year which included the withdrawal of ground troops by both sides.

The principal obstacle in the past has been the disagreement about the total number of Warsaw Pact ground forces in the "guidelines area", that is, West and East Germany, Bel-gium, Holland, Luxembourg, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The negotiating countries

which includes those with troops stationed in the area as well as Britain, the United States and Canada on one side, and the Soviet Union on the other, have agreed on the Nato total, but there is a discrepancy of 150,000 between the Warsaw Pact assessment of their own troops (805,000) and Nato esti-mates (955,000).

This gap, which could leave the Warsaw Part with an advantage of some 10 divisions if parallel reductions were made, is considered by Western negotiators to be too wide to be simply ignored: It has been holding up agreement for more than 18 months.

deadlock. A phase I plan limits the proposed withdrawals to ground troops of the United States and the Soviet Union only (13,000 American and 30,000 Soviet soldiers), and does the Soviet Union. The Western proposals were

Clearly, before an agreement is reached both sides must be satisfied that their figures are correct. There is some hope of this as, according to Nato sources, the disagreement on figures is not over Soviet troops but those of other East European countries, in particular Poland.

not include tanks or nuclear

weapons.

The package also includes confidence-building measures such as agreements about notification of large troop movements and exercises. In view of the speed with which forces can be moved today, these are to extend to zones to the rear of the "guidelines area" on both sides, including that of the western Soviet Union.

However, this has already resulted in an initial negative reaction by the eastern side in informal discussion when they received the proposals, even though the associated verifica-tion procedures, which mean stationing inspectors at airfields, radiway stations, ports and other points of entry, as well as a specified number of

Nato has put forward a pack overflights by observer aircraft, age of measures to break the do not include the territory of

tabled on December 19, im-mediately after the Nato Council meeting which offered a range of arms control measures to the Warsaw Pact. The latter included negotiations on the Theatre Nuclear Forces, the 108 Pershing 2 ballistic missiles and the 464 ground launched cruise missiles, which Nato had then decided to station in Europe. The proposals on nuclear

weapons received confirmation here in Brussels last Friday at a Nato Council meeting establishing a special consultative group on arms control to which, the alliance declared, it re-mained firmly committed. Diplomatic circles at Nato

consider that, notwithstanding the deterioration in détente caused by the Sovier military intervention in Afghanistan, there was every intention of pressing on with arms control pressing on with arms control negotiations as these were of benefit not only to the West but to the world in general.

Whether the Soviet Union has a similar attitude will be seen by the reaction of the Warsaw Pact in Vienna on Thursday to the Western proposals. According to well-informed sources it is considered unlikely that they will be accepted at this stage.

energy link with Comecon From Sue Masterman Vienna, Jan 29

Austria plans

Austria has completed nego-tiations with Russia to link the

Comecon (Soviet block) electricity network with Austria's supply.

The link-up planned to become operative in 1985 is part

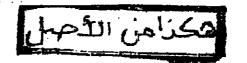
of a larger scheme for the West to guarantee a basic electricity supply to the East, which will in turn provide extra energy for western peak periods. Switzer-land, West Germany and Italy have shown a great deal of interest in such a scheme. Agreements have already

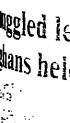
been signed with Yugoslavia which during the early spring thaw can export hydro-electric energy to Austria. In the early winter, the situation is reversed.

The first step in the project will be a new 750kW cable link between points in Hungary and

During negotiations in Moscow earlier this month, the Soviet Union expressed interest in making Austria the central point for an exchange of natural gas between East and West. Austria at present imports natural gas from Russia.

The Russians and Austrians have a new pipeline system on the drawing board which would enable the capacity to be expanded to 40,000 million cubic





Angry Pravda attacks Carter speech as 'rude violation of recognized norms' of conduct

From Michael Binyon Moscow, Jan 29

President Carter's State of the Union message was a chal-lenge to the very essence of international law, a long and sharply-worded leading article in Pravda said today.

His message was a rude violation of generally recognized norms of international relations and an attempt to go back to the last century, when imperialism could carve up the map of the world with impunity. Not since the peak of the Cold War had the "cult of brute force" been so openly brute force been so openly professed, Pravda said, and it asked by what right the United States gave itself the role of supreme arbiter in questions of how people should build their lives

Reflecting the views of the Kremlin leadership, the un-signed editorial in the Communist Party newspaper—the most authoritative and strongest comment yet on President Carter's speech—compared America's claim that

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the oil-producing countries were an area of vital interest to America to claims made in the race for land in the old

Tomorrow, Pravda said, Washington would "stake a claim" to other natural re-sources. And after that, it sources. And after that, it remarked sarcastically, it might go on to declare the atmosphere and the planet's oxygen as its own.

In proclaiming various areas of the globe as vital to Ameri-can interests, the United States was steadily advancing these spheres directly to the borders of the Soviet Union.

Provda accused the Carter Administration of fanning up a "hysterical militarist campaign " against the Russians.
"In the military-political and economic measures being car-ried out or planned by the White House there clearly emerges the desire of the United States to intimidate the developing countries, to attempt to complicate their relations to complicate their relations repel an external threat, and with the Soviet Union and said they would be withdrawn other socialist countries, to when the threat had gone.

Washington, Jan 29
Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary, said today that the United States may be at a "critical turning point" in history and must meet it by deciding to remain "the strongest nation in the world".

"The elternative is to let

ourselves slip into inferiority,

a harsh world where principles unsupported by power are victimized, and to become a

nation with more of a past than

- Suture. I reject that alterna-tive, and I know that the Congress does as well". he

President Carter's decision to seek a 5.4 per cent real increase in defence spending next year as outlined in the budget pub-

lished here yesterday for the 1981 financial year. He released a bulky 329-page

report on the Administration's

plans for military spending

when he appeared on Capitol

Hill to testify on the defence budget before the armed services committee of the House of Representatives.

As might be expected, when

Defence Secretary has to

defend an abnormally high increase in spending at a time of financial austerity. Mr Brown

painted a particularly bleak picture of the country's de-

Although, during the past decade, the United States never

From David Cross

split the champions of peace, dictate its conditions to them."
It said this "openly militaristic and hegemonistic platform" of the American Administration had been condemned by soberminded people all over the world. The course aimed, in

effect, at a return to the policy of brinkmanship, and it was no coincidence that only the most bellicose circles in Nato and the Chinese leaders blinded in their rabid nationalism, supported the American Presi-dent's threadbare ideas. Pravda accused Mr Carter of "absurd inventions" about the Soviet Union and in particular

about Soviet policy towards Iran and Afghanistan. These inventions were used to sub-stantiate Washington's bellicose programme, and cover up the fact that the present unprecedented programme of militari. zation began at least three years ago.
"If there were no Alghani-

stan, they would certainly have found some other false pretext," Pravda claimed. Mr Carter's State of the Union message was an akward attempt to justify American policy towards Iran, which Pravda said had brought a quarter of a century of despo-tism and cost the Iranian people tens of thousands of

But attempts to cast asper-sions on Moscow's clear policy towards Iran were untenable.
The Sovier Union, the article
went on, wanted to see the
Sovier-Iranian border, regardless of political fluctuations in
the world, as a border of peace

and cooperation.
"It is the United States and not the Soviet Union that has continued, right up to the pre-sent day, to speak to Iran in the language of Diktat; it is the United States and not the Sovier Union that is most unceremoniously interfering in the internal affairs of that

Country."
Pravda repeated Soviet asset tions that the Rusians sent their troops to Afghanistan only to repel an external threat, and

Congress warned of Soviet might

enemies were relatively sluggish

and the country was not put to the test by challenges out-

"But now times are changing.

side South-East Asia, he said.

Without reducing the large forces stationed in Eastern

Europe, the Soviets have tripled

the size of their forces in the

Far East, and they are develop

ing navel and other capabili-

ties that will permit them to

operate well beyond the peri-

of combat readiness. We can no

longer preclude their being

able to operate simultaneously in several different parts of the

bined with a number of internal and international disputes in

areas of great interest to the United States, were beginning

to put heavy pressure on

America's non-nuclear defences,

On the tactical nuclear front,

too, even with existing United States programmes," we will not

have overcome all our nuclear

problems ", Mr Brown said. That was why Nato was proceeding

with the development of two land-based, longer-range mobile

missiles—the Pershing 2 and ground-launched cruise missiles-

In the strategic sector, how-

of the missing prisoners. According to his letter, he and

other Afghans are referred to in the Soviet Union as "state prisoners" although all were

More intriguing, perhaps, is

that the extremists who kid-napped and later killed Mr

Adolph Dubbs, the United States Ambassador in Kabul,

last year, allegedly demanded the release of Mr Waez as the

price for Mr Dubbs's freedom.

At the time, the Afghan Gov-ernment said it had no know-

ledge of Mr Waez. The Shiites are the minority Islamic sect in Afghanistan but Mr Waez

was known even among Sunni

Muslims for his preaching in

When mobs broke into the jail

two weeks ago, they found hundreds of men still held there but the Government

claimed these were common

What interest the Soviet

Union would have in holding

Afghan political prisoners is a

mystery. It is possible that the

Russians—in an attempt to

prevent the wholesale butchery

of prisoners by a regime which

the Soviet Union openly sup-ported offered to keep the in-

mates temporarily, but that their imprisonment in Russia

then became too embarrassing

It is also just possible that

In any event, those who knew

criminals.

Many Shiites were victims of Amin's purges and some are still popularly believed to be imprisoned in Polechowkri.

arrested in Afghanistan.

These developments,

"Their posture, overall, has grown more modern and parts of it have reached a high state

phery of the USSR.

world", he declared

he concluded.

détente and progress and to in the President's message there was virtually no mention of disarmament. The entire course of the President's message and in his speech to Congress on January 23, showed that he intended to replace goodintended to replace good-neighbourly relations between Soviet Union and America by confrontation and the curtailment of cooperation.

The newspaper claimed that all this was being done to further Mr Carter's chances in the presidential election. It said that during his three years in office voters came to see that problems such as the economy, the energy crisis and inflation were not being solved.

So Mr Carter resorted to the

age-old device of attempting to divert Americans' attention from obvious setbacks in domestic policy and a number of "serious failures" in foreign policy.

"For these purposes a mili-

tarist, chauvinistic psychosis is being stirred up in the United States. Acting as the initiator of a new flare-up of jingoism, the White House is hoping to win the backing of the most reactionary circles.

reactionary circles.

"At the same time it is counting on neutralizing the other candidates from both bourgeois parties who in this situation will hardly be able to outdo the Administration, criticalization. cizing the present course of Washington's policy from rightwing positions, because it is impossible to go further to the right than that."

The tone of the Pravda leading article, covering the

best part of a page of today's cdition, is angry, impatient and reflects the very real personal antagonism towards President Carter which the Soviet leadership now feels.

At the same time the article is skilfully argued in many points, clearly aware of the currents of feeling and opinion within the United States, and points to the fact that Soviet policy towards Washington must now rely on the advice o a number of senior experienced officials in the field of Soviet-

In this context, the Defence

Secretary made it clear that the Administration still sup-

ports the new strategic arms limitation agreement with the Soviet Union—Salt 2. "It serves our national security interests—

even more so when the Soviets are aggressive—but the timing of its ratification must defer to the urgent need that we

assess and respond to Soviet

To signal his Administra-

tion's steadfast support for

Pakistan's security, President Carter is sending his chief

security adviser to Islamabad

to discuss American aid plans.

Washington said today that Mr

Zbigniew Brzeżnski, would bead a delegation of senior officials going to Pakistan later

Mr Brzezinski's main task

will be to work out details of a

military and economic aid

package totalling some \$400m

(£180m) over the next two years. He is likely to come

under some pressure to im-prove this offer from President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan who has

dismissed 5400m as "peanuts".

Well informed officials

actions in Afghanistan."

conference in Damascus of the foreign ministers of the Front for Steadfastness and Confroutation-those Arab countries foremost in rejecting the Camp acquired all the readiness and ever, the situation was much that the threat of military aggression by the United States mobility it needed it was not brighter. "There can be no penalized for it because its doubt", Mr Brown said, "that enemies were relatively sluggish these (strategic nuclear) capaagainst peoples of the Middle and Near East be put on the bilities still provide the foundation on which our security rests.
Without them the Soviet Union session. the United States and its allies." The strong condemnation of

the Russians than the recent United Nations General Assembly vote on Afghanistan. Not only does it isolation of Afghanistan from its Muslim neighbours, but the resolution adds the politically important weight of the Mus-lim world to the growing movement in the West for a boycott of the Moscow Olympic

began as an attempt to split the Muslim world and divert attention from the real issues: American pressure on Iran and Israel's occupation of Arab



Moscow hopes upset by Muslim censure today's harsh resolution by emphasizing to their Arab allies that the new government in Afghanistan is deeply commit-ted to respecting Islam and upholding the rights of Muslim clargy and ballowers

clergy and believers.

Moscow was deeply unhappy
at the convening of the Islama

bad conference on Afghanis-tan's doorstep. The resolution on Afghanistan which Moscow

probably knew was inevitable

will complicate the already del

icate Soviet relations with the

Muslim world as well as give

moral encouragement to the

Afghan rebels.
The Russians have been

careful not to condemn the

participants in the conference

of countries having close ties

pended from membership of

the Islamic conference, said in a Foreign Ministry statement

three days ago that any debate

of the so-called Afghan ques-

tion constituted internal inter-

ference in the country's

tan's attendance would not

accord with its people's in-terests or those of other Mus-

lim countries, nor would it help maintain peace in the

"If this session takes deci-

sions directed against the in-terests of the Afghan people, the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan will regard them

Islamic solidarity, the state-ment added, clearly antici-

weekend Mr Babrak Karmal

the Afghan leader, said in a

broadcast that respect for Islam was "one of the slogans

According to Tass, he said

Islam had been seriously dis-criminated against under the

pre-revolutionary regime, and

all Muslim clergy who had

been arrested, presumably

since the revolution, were now

free to engage in religious activ-

pating the outcome.

revolution "

invalid and jeopardizing

The statement said Afghanis

Aighanistan, itself now sus-

with the Soviet Union.

affairs.

Moscow, Jan 29

The Russians today reacted to the Muslim world's condemnation of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan by accus-ing the United States of twisting the arms of Muslim countries to divert their attention from the threats of Zionism

and imperialism.

In a short despatch from Islamabad, Tass reported the Islamic conference decision to cut political and economic links with Egypt, but said nothing of the tough resolution on Afghanistan.

The news agency said the Americans, using rough tactics, were trying at whatever cost to "isolate Arab countries from their tested friends ".

But, Tass said, the earlier David treaty-had demanded agenda of the Islamabad

the Soviet occupation of Afchanistan by the 32-nation conference is a bitter setback to Soviet attempts to get the new Karmal regime in Afghanistan accepted by Muslims there and

in other countries.

In many ways it is a more pointed and telling defeat for

The Russians denounced the Islamic conference before it

ity.
Mr Karmal guaranteed full For the past week, however, freedom they were trying to head off or Shiite. freedom to all believers, Sunni

Tribesmen mistook German

Iran accepts watered down Islamic protest

Islamabad, Jan 29

Acrimonious exchanges between several leaders of delegations and Mr Kamel Kharrazi, Iran's deputy foreign Minister, sharpened the final day's debate at the Islamic Foreign Ministers conference here today. At a press conference later, Mr Agha Shahi, Pakistan foreign affairs adviser and chairman of the conference, conceded that vigorous exchanges had taken place during the debate

behind closed doors on the Iranian resolution. Several delegates, including Irag, had held the Iranian Revolutionary Council responsible for creating the crisis in rela-tions with the United States.

The resolution eventually passed expressed the "sincere wish " that Iran and the United States resolve their outstanding problems by peaceful Much diluted, it avoided criti-

cising the United States for threatening to use force against Iran. Mr Shahi said it was the result of a consensus of opinion reached after hectic consultations aimed at persuading Iran to accept it.
Iran had rejected the sugges-

tion that the Secretary-General of the conference might extend his good offices towards finding a settlement on the hostages dispute.

Mr Shahi said that while Afghanistan stood suspended as a member of the conference, Pakistan and other countries were expected to bre matic relations with Kabul soon. In pursuance of the foreign resolution. ministers would refuse recognition to Mr Babrak Karmal's government. The call to join a holy war

withdrawn from the final resolution, as adopted by the foreign ministers, as it was thought it would be misconstrued as armed assistance by Muslim countries to the insur-gents, Mr Shahi told reporters. Mr Habib Chatti, the conference Significantly, the resolution on Iran did not condemn the United States by name, which

astonished most of the observers here. While Pakistan had managed to get adopted possibly the strongest resolution at any world forum, condemning the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and proposing 11 specific sanctions against the

Kabul regime, Iran remained content with the passage of a resolution which keenly avoided naming the Americans as aggressors.
In television and radio interviews, Mr Kharrazi had dis-

played a more militant temper. There were suggestions in the Iranians accepted the watered-down resolution in the hope that the Islamic states would back them to the hilt in the negotiations with the United States.

The resolution reaffirmed the rights of all states to exercise permanent, total and effective sovereignty over their natural and other resources and over the control of their economic assets and activities.

It declared the member state's solidarity with the Muslim people of Iran in choosing whatever system they preferred based on the tenets of Islam as a system of social and political life.

resolution declared its firm opposition to any threat to use force, or any kind of intimidation or interference or imposition of econmic sanctions against Iran or any other Islamic country.

From Pakistan's point of view,

the resolution on Afghanistan seems to have met all Islamabad's expectations and should with the Afghan insurgents help it pave the way towards against the Kabul regime was a switch in foreign policy so that massive military and economic assistance from the West and other friendly sources can be accepted.

This would make the United States, relations with which were at such a low ebb that the American Embassy was reduced to ashes by frenzied mobs last secretary-general, however, in-dicated that the Islamic year, a close ally.

Pundits are forecasting defeat for Mr Kennedy From Patrick Brogan

Washington, Jan 29

The pundits here have already decided what is going to happen to Senator Edward Keonedy. When he "regaffirmed" his candidacy for the Presidency yesterday he did so. in the ringing tones of a con-vinced liberal. He made no mention of the need to bilance the budget or to provide a defence "second to none".

He called Mr Carter a Republican President and claimed to represent, alone, the traditional liberal causes of Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy. The pundits think that he is doomed to defeat, zoyway, and has decided to go down with his own colours nailed firmly to the mast, not Jimmy Carter's second best set.

He will be defeated, they say, in the Maine Caucuses on February 10 and the New Hampshire primary on February 27. Then he will bow gracefully out of the race, return to the Senate—and there hold himself. in readiness to accept a call to serve next summer if Mr Carter makes a complete hash of it. If Mr Carter survives, and

Senator Kennedy would then be well placed to win the nomina-tion in 1984. The same pundits are inclined to conclude their analyses with the suggestion that Mr Kennedy never wanted to run anyway, and is secretly relieved to have that cup taken from him.

They may very well be right.

Pundits do not always get it wrong, though it is worth remembering that there was a splendid unanimity of view here

Mr Carter was then given no chance at all of winning the election, and precious little of beating Mr Kennedy for the nomination. The pundits then persuaded him to consent to take over the party from the President (it was guaranteed to be a walk-over) and he took the plunge last November 7.
If the pundits are wrong

again, and Mr Kennedy's chances revive it will be because of external events and the President's ineptitude—though the "new Kennedy". will doubtless help.

The crises in Iran and Afghanistan, which saved Mr Carter between November and January, may now work against

Last Autumn, before the seizure of the embassy in Tehran, Mr Carter tried out his re-election speech and be boasted that no American soldier had been killed abroad under his Presidency.

He was the President of peace. He has turned full

circle since then, and is rattling every sabre he can reach and has enjoyed a great burst of popularity.
If things go wrong, or ever

if the Iran crisis is settled in a messy and unglamorous way, the President's popularity may decline again as precipitously as

It has happened before, most recently last summer when his popularity rose dramatically after he made a speech con-fessing his faults, and collapsed immediately afterwards when he sacked half his Government. The votes in Maine and New Hampshire are almost upon us.

the White House that they can polish off Senator Kennedy then, before the crises turn sour.
The Kennedy campaign is

running very short of money, its members are dispirited and Mr Kennedy has put on a very poor performance

Smuggled letter says lost Afghans held in Russia

From Robert Fisk Kabul, Jan 29

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Evidence has reached Kabul Evidence has reached Kabul that several hundred Afghan political prisoners are being held inside the Soviet Union. Information about the prisoners, whose families believed them dead, is contained in a letter smuggled out of Russia by an Afghan Shiste priest arrested after the revolution here in 1978. here in 1978.

nere in 1978.

The mullah, whose family name is Waez, wrote secretly to his family to tell them that he and hundreds of other Afghans were being hel prisoner in Russia, working in a steel mill in Tula, 140 miles south of Moscow. He smuggled his letter out

with the help of a Soviet worker and an Aghan student from Moscow University who travelled by air to Kabul

Ever since the new Govern-ment of Mr Babrak Karmal began freeing political pri-soners from Kabul jails three weeks ago, there have been rumours that thousands of others—whose relatives waited in vain to greet them outside Polechowkti prison in Kabul earlier this month-were still locked up in the capital or in the provincial cities of Kandahar or Mazar-I Sharif.

Hundreds were undoubtedly murdered under the regime of Mr Hafizullah Amin, who was killed in the Soviet-supported coup on December 27.

The fate of the others, however, remained unknown. Afg-han Government officials hinted two weeks ago that to reveal. where Amin's secret police had the lives of political prisoners thrown the bodies of political who might one day be returned prisoners, but no such macabre to Afghanistan

But the letter from Mr Waez, Mr Waez in Afghanistan are who was assumed to have been convinced his letter is genuine.

Senate votes to abandon Moscow games From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 29 killed by the Afghan secret police in the autumn of 1978, raises new questions about the whereabouts of at least some

this week.

Full Congressional approval for an American boycott of the Olympic Games in Moscow was assured today when the Senate, after a relatively short debate, overwhelmingly approved a resolution backing President Carter's request for the transfer fer, postponement or cancella-tion of the games. If any of these courses failed to materialize and the Olympics went ahead in Moscow, American athletes should boycott

them the resolution said.

Boycott rejected: Cyprus will take part in the Moscow Norwegian Olympic Committee has voted unani-mously to boycott the games unless there is "a change in a favourable direction" in

drivers for Russians

Two West German lorry drivers walked into Jalahad with blistered feet on Sunday morning after having been kept prisoner by bandit tribesmen for a week. Only then did they discover that a third driver, an Austrian, had been shot dead shortly after the ambush in which they were all taken prisoner.

From Ian Murray Kabul, Jan 29

Their ordeal had begun in the evening of January 20, as they headed their two huge lorries into the Kabul gorge. It was five o'clock and Herr Wolfgang Harryl, the owner of the lorries, and Herr Wolfgang Monset thought there would be enough daylight life to get safely through the mountains to Kebul

But shortly after passing an Afghan Army motorized patrol heading in the opposite direction the two West German lorries came round the corner to find the road blocked by huge boulders which had been rolled down the mountainside.

They jumped out of their cabs to hide under their vehicles and within minutes they were surrounded by shouting tribes-men. Only one of them spoke any English and he asked if they were Russians. Herr Hartge told them that they were Germans but the tribesmen refused to believe them. They were beaten up and ordered to march into the mountains. The third

refused to go and started shout-ing "not in the mountains". Herr Hartage and his co-driver decided to do as they were told. The third driver was found two days later with a bullet through his head It took a day for the two men

to convince their captors that they were not Russians and that their treatment changed. They were taken from village to village, The rebel band was com

prised of about 30 men, and each evening they left the vil-lages and disappeared into the mountains. They eventually let the driver go last Saturday

Israel rejects Cairo plan for autonomy From Moshe Brilliant

Tel Aviv, Jan 29 Israel today refused to accept Egypt's proposals for Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. It said the Egyptian model scheme was "disqualified".

Mr Hann Kubersky, head of an Israel working group negotiating autonomy, told Mr Ezzat Abdul Latif, his Egyptian counterpart, that Cairo's proposals were a model for sovereignty and not autonomy. The Egyptians had earlier dismissed Israel's model as "totally unacceptable".

Mr Sol Linowitz, President

Carter's special envoy to the talks, arrived this evening from Cairo and said in an airport interview that progress had been made in the negotiations. "All of us are now for the first proposed as the seat of the rime focusing attention on the substantive issues", he said. which the Israelis have

However progress was not evident at the meeting of the working group which began here last night. The Israelis said the Egyptians introduced a new element by proposing that Israel forces which, according to the Camp David agreement are to remain in specified secuyear transitional period and beyond, should have to consult with the Palestinian autonomous authority whenever they moved in or through the terri-

The Israelis said security was their concern, and not a subject for negotiation in the autonomy talks. The parties also remained

deadlocked over the status of Fifteen families and two single Jerusalem, which the Egyptians auronomous institution, but to a new site east of Nablus on which the Israelis have public domain.

annexed; over Egypt's proelect a legislature and nor an executive authority as provided Jewish settlements in the territories, which the Egyptians proposed should not be allowed to expand during the transition period, and then be dismantled. Dr Mustapha Kamil, the

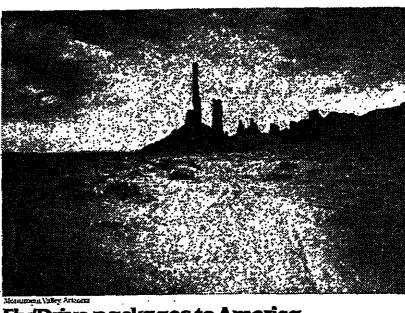
Egyptian Prime Minister, is due

to arrive tomorrow for talks on

a ministerial level. The Israelis today began dismantling the Gush Emunim settlement of Elon Moreh, south of Nablus, which the Israel High Court ruled had been established on Arab-owned land, unlawfully requisitioned.

persons, who had been resisting eviction, began moving roday

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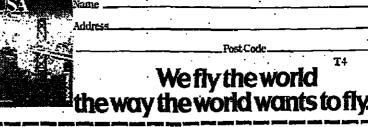
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Angry accusations of unfair practices swopped in Salisbury

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Jan 29

There were sharp words and short tempers in Salisbury today as leaders of different political parties pointed accusing fingers at each other and alleged all kinds of unfair electoral practices.

At a press conference former senior officials of the Zanu (PF) party accused their erstwhile leader, Mr Robert Mugabe, of being cruel and dishonest and of suffering from an "inordin-ate lust for power." The accusa-rion was made by Mr Rugare Gumbo, former information secretary of Zanu (PF), who was apeaking on behalf of 64 dissident members of the party who were released from detenrion in Mozambique yesterday.

At another press conference in the afternoon, an exceedingly inste Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council (UANC), complained that he felt like a person who had "entered a business partners in the Lancaster House ceasefire agreement."

He lashed out at Mr Rajeshwar Dayal, the Indian chairman of the Commonwealth observer group, whom he accused of being "cancerously biased" because he had raised the question of alleged wolations of the ceasefire by the security force euxiliaries security force euxiliaries (Pfumo Revanhu) but not by Mr Mugabe's Zanla cuerrillas. "He has made a mockery of the Commonwealth observers," he

Cries of "foul" also flew around a meeting of the Elec-tural commission today with party representatives accusing their opponents of intimidatory practices. The cries were loudest from the smaller parties which camplained to Sir John Boynton, the Electron Commissioner, that they, unlike Zemu (PF), the UANC or the Patriotic Front, did not have private armies of their own with which to influ-

Lord Soames, the Governor, has publicly admitted that it would be impossible to hold an election in southern Rhodesia, as in any other African country, nich was completely free from intended in However, British

Three murderers

in the Bahamas

hanged

sources have pointed out that many of the accusations of coercion made so far lave been of a general rather than a specific

Meanwhile, the Cessefire communique which showed that Zanka has been responsible for most breaches of the cessefire since the truce came into effect on Jazurary 4. The commission includes commanders from Zanka and Mr. Joshuz Nkomo's Zipra as well as the Rhodesian security forces and the Commonwealth monitoring force that ruled that of the 78 confirmed breaches of the cease-fire, 34 were by Zanla and another 20 took place in Zanla's area of operation. By contrast Zipra was found guilty of only eight breaches while another two took place in its area of operation in the west of the country. The security force auxiliaries were held responsible for only one breach. Zipra as well as the Rhodesian ble for only one breach.

The attack on Mr Mugabe by the Zanu (PF) dissidents was one of the strongest heard since the election campaign got under way. This is perhaps not sur-prising as his critics had spent two to three years in detention in Mozambique, much of it in appalling conditions.

Mr Gumbo, who was flanked by Mr Henry Hamadziripi, Mr Mukudzei Mudzi, Mr Chrispen Mandizvidza and other promi-nent black nationalists, accused Mr Mugabe of being totally opposed to national unity and blamed him for the divisions that now exist within the party.

The men did not say which of the nine blac kparties taking part in the election they would join. They said that they would consult all democratic forces in the country to establish a "framework for harmonizing national unity". As Mr Hamad-zaripi put it: "We want to find

zaripi put it: "We want to find a formula for unity."
Unity, it seemed, was the last thing Bishop Muzorewa had on his mind. Having just returned from a five-day tour of the eastern region, he lashed out right and left accusing the monitoring force of standing by monitoring force of standing by while guerrilles went to and from assembly areas with impunity and adding a warning that he would ignore the verdict of the commonwealth







Freed detainees who criticized Mr Robert Mugabe in Salisbury yesterday.

Bishop Muzorewa said that despite all the intimidation which he had come across dur-ing his visit to Manicaland he ing his visit to Manicaland he was still confident he would win the election. However, latest assessments by observers—which are admittedly only rough guesses—out the UANC in third place behind Zanu (PF), which is thought to be way in front, and Mr Nkomo's Patrionic Front (formerly Zapu).

Briton detained: Zambia has issued a 29-day detention order on a Briton who crossed the border from Rhodesia with ammunition in his car and on

his passenger, a young Australian bitchhiker, a British diplomat said in Lusaka today. They were arrested on Wed-resday last week at the Kariba crossing point over the Zambesi river border 88 miles south-east

The car owner was named as Mr Brian Stanley, who is in his mid-thirries, married and works as a motor mechanic at the boating centre on Lake Kariba. He has lived in Rhodesia for more than three years, according to the diplomat.

His passenger was Mr Jeffrey Rolden, aged 20, a tourist who had hitched a ride with Mr Stanley before the border.

British consular officials have talked to Mr Stanley and told his wife of his plight. An Australian consular officer, based in Dar es Salaam but accredited to Zambia, has visited Mr Holden. Many white Rhodesians have

become accustomed to carrying weapons an dammunition on car journeys during the guerrilla war, particularly around Kariba, a favoured infiltration area for Zambia-based guerril- Reuter.

Patrioric Front.

Diplomatic sources said the Zambian authorities appeared not to have decided what to do with the two men. Even if it was accepted that they were not spies or saboteurs, they could still be put on trial for illegal possession of ammuni-

A British-born Rhodesian Air Force pilot, Mr Michael Bor-lace, was arrested in Zambiia last April and is awaiting trial on suspicion of spying for Rhodesia. Three white airline pilots were held for several months in Zambian jails.

Although Britain has as sumed responsibility for Rhodesia, Zambia remains in an official state of emergency and the call-up of reservists and national servicemen ordered in November is still in force.-

Many populated areas are permanently barred to foreigners

Legacy of Ivan the Terrible seals up Russia

Nassau, Jan 29.—Three murderers were hanged one after the other today at Fox Hill prison here in the first executions in the Bahamas since he can no longer meet western correspondents. The city is only 250 miles east of Moscow The Advisory Committee for the Prerogative of Mercy rejected hast-minute pleas to spare the three men, Charles Dickenson, aged 21, Winsette Hart, aged 23, and Vernal Storr, but any foreigner attempting to go there is breaking the law. Gorkiy is one of the many Soviet cities off limits to all but

aged 26.
Mr Dickenson was convicted of a woman aged 19. Mr Hart and Mr Storr were sentenced to death for the murder in 1977 of a caretaker aged 60.

The last person hanged here was an American, Michiah Shobek, who was executed in October, 1976, for the murder of a New York accountant.

Eight other Bahamians are awaiting execution in the prison.—AP.

25 lives lost when cutter and tanker collide

St Petersburg, Jan 29.— Divers have recovered four bodies from the broken hull of a sunken United States Coast Guard cutter and were today searching for 21 of the crew feared sealed inside. After a collision with a tanker just outside Tampa Bay last night-28 of the crew were rescued.

The body of one of the crew was pulled from the water shortly after the collision. Lieu-tenant Phil Biedenbender, of the Coast Guard, said the divers found one body on the cutter's deck, one in the main corridor, and one in the engine room. The 180ft cutter Blackthorn sank minutes after the 605ft oil tanker Capricorn ripped into its port side, Coast Guard spokesmen said.—AP.

Increasing numbers of Viet-namese are celebrating the fif-tich conferency of the

sech anniversary of the Communist Party of Vietnam on February 3 by fleeing their

More are leaving than at any time sance May. Some 3,500 arrived in countries of first

asylum during December and the number will be even higher

this month, according to United Nations refugee officials.

coming ashore in Thailand's

southern provinces because the

prevailing north-east monsoon nushes them almost in a straight line from Vietnam's western

More than half of them are

From Neil Kelly Bangkok, Jan 29

permanently closed, and that population which may be list, with occasional changes, nationalistic and hostile to the Moscow, Jan 29 The main point in sending Dr Sakharov to Gorkiy is that vigorously but to no

Soviet citizens since the Second World War. sent to Sebastopol in the Crimea, Sverdlovsk in the Urals, Vladivostok in the Far East or to any little village in the Baltic

republics—they are all in closed square miles of Soviet territory in the most populated parts of the country are sealed off from foreigners. Moscow and Leningrad, open cities (except for certain areas) are ringed by hundreds of miles of closed

numerous of mules of closed countryside, vast stretches of Siberia as large as France and Spain stretching back from the Chinese frontier are permanently closed.

The idea of limiting the movement of foreigners in Russia goes back to the time of the the target less when more ivan the terrible, when merchants and envoys from western Europe were forced to live in specially allocated foreign ghettos in Moscow—as they still are. Travel and residence regulations have been enforced with varying degrees of strict-

Until the Second World War, however, it was theoretically possible for the few Western residents in the Soviet Union and tourists to travel anywhere they wanted, though such trips were frequently frustrated by the creation of bureaucratic

But at the beginning of the cold war in 1947, Stalin drew up a list of places officially and

list, with occasional changes, has been in force ever since. Western diplomats protested several countries, including the United States and Britain, imposed similar arbitrary travel restrictions on Soviet citizens in their own countries.

Latvia and Lithuania, which were incorporated into the Soviet Union only in 1940. Their capital cities are open for tourists—they are beautiful and

There are 14 separate areas certain rivers, roads and towns of central Siberia, virtually inaccessible anyway, central couraged from tr Russia and the south-west of the daytime train. country is open, border areas are generally closed.

e generally closed. ment, doubtless, aware that The reasons for the restric many little nowns in these three Hundreds of thousands of tions vary. In some places, such ancient republics are among quare miles of Soviet territory as the huge closed zone in the finest in the whole country at the most populated parts of Kazakistan, military considerations are uppermost. Semi- But westerners may go there tions are uppermost. Semi-palatinsk, in this area, is the centre for Soviet nuclear underground tests and for advanced weapons testing. Near by is the Baikonur cosmodrome Soviet space shots are launched. Other areas surrounding military factories and key produc-tion plants are closed to stop Western military attaches visit-ing them. Gorkiy, for example, has an aircraft factory as well

as several car factories.
All along the frontiers with Norway, Finland, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan access is pro-hibited within 25 kilometres (16 miles) of the frontier presumably to stop anyone seeing the elaborate Soviet border de-

fences. Naval bases at Sebastopol, Balaclava and other parts of the Crimea are off limits, and so is the desolate and inaccessible strip of coastline on the Bering Sez facing Alaska. Other more accessible areas

are closed, however, not for security reasons, but because the Russians do not want foreigners to mix with the local

Soviet regime.
This is particularly true of the Baltic republics Estonia,

historic tourist attractionsthat are closed, together with but access to them is strictly certain rivers, roads and towns limited. Tourists must either fly may not drive and are dis-couraged from travelling by In January, 1978, the Govern

> But westerners may go there only under the auspices of Intourist or the Foreign Ministry. Western Ukraine, the area that until the Second World

man or journalist cannot buy Russians restricted: Soviet an air ticket without going journalists in London wishing through Intourist or the foreign Ministry organization radius of the capital must rethrough Intourist or the Foreign Ministry organization set up to deal with foreigners. set up to deal with foreigners. quest permission 48 hours Even if he got on a train or before doing so. There are no bus and was not recognized as closed zones in Britain but a foreigner, he could not stay there are restricted areas, like anywhere the other end as RAF airfields and nuclear sites.

Soviet hotels accept bookings only if the visa has first been endorsed for the visit. As a journalist, for example, I cannot travel anywhere out-

side the Moscow region with-out writing a letter to the Foreign Ministry two days in advance, giving notice of my itherary, mode of travel and place of stay. If I drive outside Moscow, police posts all along the route are informed of my date of travel. Periodically the regulations

are changed. They were relaxed in 1953 and amended in 1966 and again in 1978. The latest nges closed large tracts of lands, formerly open, adjoin-ing the Chinese frontier. The Jewish Autonomous Republic of Birobaijals in the Fer East was consequently put out of bounds and cannot be visited.

Like everything in the Soviet Union, the rules can be waived if the authorities see good reason. Visiting statesmen have been taken to Baikonur. Mr Peter Scott, the naturalist, was allowed to visit wild life re-serves in closed zones two years

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MPs angered by arrest of

ing that the methods of the emergency had returned after the arrest at 6 am of Mr N. K. Singh, the deputy inspector general of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

so-called Kissa Kursi KA case involving Mr Sanjay Gandhi, son of the Prime Minister, Mr Gandhi, now a member

mastealleged conspiracy to destroy the master copy of the Kissa Kursi Ka film which satirized the authoritarian meth-

Opposition members asked where was the healing touch Mrs Gandhi had promised shortly after becoming Prime Minister again earlier this month. They criticized the

harassment of a police officer who was only doing his job. Both the Home and Law Ministers denied any arrest of Mr Singh, saying that he had only been taken away in connexion with an investigation. Later it was stated, however that he had been freed on bail Mr Singh, who underwent several hours of interrogation

observed. Mr Rabi Ray, the former Health Minister in the Janets Covernment, said in Parliament

ods of Mrs Indira Gandhi during her previous tenure of the new Government had no intention of withdrawing cases Mr Shiv Shankar, the Law

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Thousands flee Vietnam's Siberia including two million people authorities. They believe that from Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) restraints imposed on the to remote and inhospitable ter-exodus of boat people after the Geneva conference last July may be coming to an end. Recent visitors to Hanoi say

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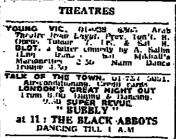
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THE ARTS

Working a rich seam

I like everything that is positive in art, whether it is expressed through abstract or figurative art, said Joseph Herman, puffing on a pipe in the studio of his home in ungentrified West Kensington.

"By positive I mean with ideas that are clearly and simply that are clearly and simply stated, and original."

fierman, now 69, is the sub-ject of a major retrospective exhibition at the Camden Arts Centre, in Arkwright Road, NW3, which runs until March 2. He is not one of the older generation who finds himself out of sympathy with what has been going on in the art world. But he does feel that the last three decades three decades have produced nothing of staggering import-ance compared with the out-

ance compared with the out-burst of creative genius in this century's first three.

"The main contribution of the twentieth century lies in modern figurative art and in abstract art", he said "All the rest is minor happenings." Modern figurative art means for him painters like Picasso, Rouault and Nolde; abstract art means above all Kandinsky and Mondrian, whose work was and Mondrian, whose work was simply enlarged on later by the American abstract expres-sionists. Of these he finds Rothko and Barnett Newman to be spiritually the most origi-

nal.
"Up to the twentieth century there was really no lan-guage for the artist of meta-physical temperament. Kandinsky and Mondrian produced it for them, and I think it will 20 on." Although his own work is wholly figurative, he feels British abstract painting has been more consistent in quality than figurative, but the latter has achieved higher

There have been two big decisions in Herman's artistic life. The first was when, on leaving his native Poland in late 1937, he decided to go not to Paris, mecca of most Polish artists Bonnard their chief prophet), but to Brussels. Long an admirer of Brueghel, he had been attracted by the work of the Flemish expres-sionists and also by that of Munch.

In Brussels he mer Constant Permeke, whose personality and achievements made a big impact on him. For Herman,
Permeke stood in the great tradition of Courbet, Daumier,
Millet, Cézanne and Van Gogh,
who—as he sees it—left European art an immense heritage by bringing the working man into the language of painting. "That is more or less the tra-dition I have followed", he

says.
The second decision came in 1944, when he went to live in the Welsh mining village of Ystradgynlais. He and his wife went to visit it on the recom-mendation of a friend, and stayed for 11 years. "It really pulled together all my ideas: aesthetic, stylistic and of man as a working creature", he recalls.

Herman was not particularly interested in mining as such. He was drawn rather by the symbolic quality of the miner's existence. Like Van Gogh in Flanders, he was deeply moved by the grandeur of certain images: of miners walking over a painter Jankel Adler, and with the Scottish painter J. D. Fergusson before his first London



mother wrapping a baby in a Lowry shawl, and sought to synthesize lured in a single image the theme or 1943. labour in man's evolution.

But he does feel we may come to regret that we are no longer doing certain things with our bands, because the computer has taken over.

Apart from the fact that he can see no formal bigness in middle-class man, Herman's own background is wholly working class. His father was an illiterate Jewish cobbler, living in the poorest part of Warsaw. Josef left school at eventually becoming first a typesetter and then a graphic designer, work which he tried to combine with painting. He had his first exhibition,

mainly of expressionistic watercolours of Warsaw's inwatercolours of warsaws industrial suburbs, in 1932. Six
years later, deciding he could
stomach Polish anti-Semitism
no longer, he left for Brussels,
spending two years there
before escaping from the German advance via France to Scotland. In Glasgow, where he stayed three years, he teamed up with his compatriot, the painter Jankel Adler, and with

bridge against the sun, of a exhibition-shared with L. S. Lowry at Reid and Lefevre-lured him to the capital in

Most of the workers he has drawn and painted have not actually been working, he pointed out. "Mostly they are either in their own setting, or they are by a road, or something like that. They are being, rather than doing". Herman is far from believing that all physical labour is ennobling. Rur he does feel we may come And there, after the years to and have been the subject of a book by William Fagg, former keeper of the Department of Ethnography at the British

For all the sombre serenity of his work, it has been a fairly surbulent life, and beneath the roly-poly bonhomie of the man there is a streak of melancholy. Now, he says, he is trying to sum up the years of striving. His palette has become more and the mood is less heavy.

The desire, which he admired in those Flemish expressionists, to combine the expressionists, to combine the best quality of painting with modern ideas, remains. Combined with the individual quality of his work and its bastc affirmation of certain human values, that craftsmanship perhaps helps explain a slightly surprising feature of his exhibitions: they have over the years virtually all more or the years virtually all more or less sold out—and mainly to British collectors at that.

Roger Berthoud



Ramaz Chkhikvadze

Richard III Round House

Irving Wardle

Political lunacies notwithstanding, the Georgian Rustaveli Company have kept their London appointment But they are only here for 12 performances, and those who missed them in Edinburgh should move fast to see one of the world's great acting troupes.

If anything, the production has improved since Edinburgh.
Robert Sturua's amazing transformation of Richard III into

expressionist farce has gained

home on the deep floor space of the Round House where prolonged entrances can be made from the infernal depths, bringing the actors right up front where deeds of blood and savage ironies can be registered with the flicker of an eyebrow.

actor Avto Makharadze shadowing the crowned Gloucester as a death's head clown.

I did less than justice to the Edinburgh performance by calling it a star show. It is indeed by a great actor, Ramaz Chkhikvadze, whose Gloucester Underscored almost throughout by Gia Kancheli's sardonic

music-mock innocent, sen-suous, and rhythmically barsion executed with a timed pre-cision that lends absolute conin black comic detail, and the a macabre mistress of cere London company seems much more at monies, and the marvellous director.

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Offenbach's centenary celebrated

Jacques Offenbach on October
5 this year will be celebrated
by a wide variety of events
throughout Britain, ranging
from a new production of Les

Scottish Contes d'Hoffmann at the Royal Opera House to an openair popular festival in Battersea

Park, South London.
At Covent Garden the Hoffmann will be produced by John Schlesinger and conducted by Carlos Kleiber, and the cast will include Placido Domingo and Ileana Cotrubas. It will open in December, with sponsorship by the Imperial Group Ltd. At Battersea Park, the openair event in May, organized by the Offenbach 1980 Com-mittee, will present the Offen-

New productions of Uffen-bach's works during 1980 will include La Vie Parisienne by Scottish Opera, which will open in Glasgow in December and Papillon, choreographed by Ronald Hynd, which will be singed at Leeds on February 7 by the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, and appear in London from February 19. Lesser-known works being presented during the year will include a triple bill at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in November: Basa-clan. Monsieur Choufleuri and La Chanson de Fortunio.

BBC radio will be broadcastmittee, will present the Offenback of the can-can to the operas, the National Film
people of London, with bands, Theatre will be presenting

The centenary of the death of Jacques Offenbach on October 5 this year will be celebrated by a wide variety of events

dancers and other entertain films associated with the composer, the Prench Institute is promuting a Symposium.

New productions of Offenbach as well hach's works during 1980 will as presenting an exhibition about the composer, and several books are being published during the year.

The English National Opera, English National Opera North, Scottish Ballet and the Singers Company are among other groups presenting Offenbach's works during the year, though one rarity will remain unseen: Whittington and His Cat, a work Offenbach wrote for London don, was planned for produc-tion by the City of London Festival but they were unable to raise the necessary funds.

Martin Huckerby

Some of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Postnikova excels in Mussorgsky

Victoria Postnikova St John's

Joan Chissell

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Victoria Postnikova began her all-Russian programme in the St John's Monday midday series with a sonara in C by Dmitri Bortniansky, a work probably as unfamiliar to most of us as his operas and church music. Since he was born just four years before Mozart, it was perhaps not surprising that the sonata was one of which the youthful Mozart himself could have been proud, even if Haydn by this time might have lamen-ted its lack of surprise. The central Adagio con espressione, with its charming touch of pathos as major melts into minor in the opening phrase, haunted my memory longer than the faster flanking movements. Miss Posmikova's delicately sympathetic performance was contained within an eighteenth - century dynamic

range while upholding both Haydn's and Mozart's liking for keyboard instruments that could sing. Aprly Miss Postnikova found

time for a centenary salute to Mediner through the Sonato reminiscenza of 1919. I greatly enjoyed her shading and shap-ing of this single-movement work which mounts with increasing urgency to a central peak before unwinding its themes in reverse order. She caught the music's ebb and flow with an impressive inner poise that I have sometimes missed from her playing in the last

year or two.

The towering genius of the recital was of course Mussorg-sky. It was here that Miss Postnikova most reminded us that she, too, was a Russian in her liking for extremes of tempo. Several of the Pictures from an Exhibition were considerably slower, and others faster, than we often hear them. In sum, a very individual reading, but, except for a few trivial mishaps, confidently and colourfully discharged.

Daniel Barenboim Festival Hall

Max Harrison

There were some excellent things in the performance of the Fantasia in F minor with which Daniel Barenboim opened his Chopin recital on Monday, Foremost among them was a beautifully cultivated tone, which also was evident in the nocturne which followed. However, he did not quite dominate the fantasy's more rhetorical passages, and this piece was conceived too much in fragments rather than as an organic whole. Individual parts may have been exciting or moving, but they did not add up.

There were again fine moments in the Sonata op 35, yet especially in the development section of the first movement

was exquisitely graduated (as was that of the Funeral March which came next), but the main body of the movement was at some points frankly untidy. Quite different, though, was the sonata's finale. Mr Baren-boin's interpretation of this ghostly perpetuum mobile is not without precedent, yet his per-

outline, meaning being sacri-

ficed to immediate pianistic effect. The Trio of the Scherzo

formance was most imaginative, sounding faint and far, magically insubstantial.
The second half began with Chopin's greatest nocturne which he chose to title Barcarolle. This, too, received

a performance that might be called fruitfully introverted, understated, full of subtle and quite unexpected nuances. Another piece that is a noc-turne in all but name followed, the Berceuse op 57, a late work like the Barcarolle. This, also, found Mr Barenboim at his best,

Chopelia Cockpit

Ned Chaillet

West End panic about declining audiences has not stretched into the more adventurous areas that are still ridiculously called the fringe. London's International Mime Festival is drawing queues for some obscure performers in even more obscure venues.

Farid Chopel's sellout appearance at the Cockpit marks the first time the Algerian clown has left Paris to perform in London. I first saw him in Hamburg's street theatre festival. where he captured the perambulating audiences with a combination of highly disciplined mime and flexible vocal tricks that were comically tied to the spoken cliches of the American tourist.

very real and Chopelia shows out.

much of the invention I have praised before, though the con-tent is flushed up with at least 20 minutes of uncharacteristic sloppiness.

Perhaps the announced theme of a day in the life of an American office worker is too confining. It contains the best moments, including his trade mark, a bent-over walk which reflects Groucho Marx's most exaggerated stalking technique, and he fills the day with fantastic elements that grow out of such mundane actions as a lunch break, but there are too many divergences which merely

It is the artist elements which show his distinctive talent, including a cut-out of a deer which he addresses as a lover. The alien accent of his spoken English, repeating a litany of words such as "honey" and "baby" to the strange object of his affection, points up the imporer shueet of much love making and shows the schools. making, and shows the richness American fourist.

Ally lacking. He has, however, the advantage of charm through-

London debuts

The debut of the French

piano-duettists Philippe Corre and Edouard Exerjean, though incorporated into Wigmore Hall's Fauré series, became the more enjoyable when they left Fauré behind and moved into the racier world of Satie, Pouthe racier world of Satie, Pou-lenc and Milhaud. True, Mil-haud's Le Boeuf sur le toit grossly outstayed its welcome. But its racy Brazilian rhythms and pungent polytonalities thrived on this duo's spanking vigour, while Poulenc's more subtly orchestrated Sonata elicited a heightened feeling for piceties of tone quality and colour. This is not to suggest that their Fauré was unacceptable—far from it. Their brio was as welcome in the Source and Pourceth as in the nirs de Bayreuth as in the Spanish finale of the suite Dolly. But the suite's more tender moments lacked a measure of ethereal grace and charm. In the high spirits of Bizer's Jeux d'Enjants they were sometimes heavy handed.

There were two sopranos. Though Elizabeth Brice, currently studying at the London Opera School, included no opera in her recital for the Kirckman Society, she left no doubt that she has a voice of substance, with musical intelligence and sympathy to go with it. Even in the English of "The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation" and Britten's "The Poet's Echo", her diction left something to be desired, nor did she sufficibe desired, nor did she surficiently colour individual words, or enjoy basic vowel contrasts enough just for their own sake—until four songs by Wolf-Ferrari, which she sang from the heart with the loveliest tone of the evening. If some measure of spontaneous gaiety was miss-ing from Rossini's "La Regatta Veneziana", she closely identi-fied herself with Schumann's Four Mignon Lieder. After a somewhat laboured-sounding start, Phillip Thomas at the piano thawed into a heloful

Catherine Bott returned to the Purcell Room (her official debut was during the suspen-sion of The Times) with a programme of old Italian music in-cluding Caccini and Monteverdi, with Handel's dramatic cantata Lucrezia, written in Florence, as her most recent and certainly her most formidable undertaking. Adroitly accompanied by ing. Adroitly accompanied by David Roblou at the harpsichord or organ, often with Anthony Pleeth's continuo, she cultivated a vibrato-less, instrumental like, period aspiring tone, sometimes questionably raw and a little off-pitch, though as the voice loosened it warmed, besides showing itself capable of strong projection and remarkable againty in virtuoso organientation. Handel's spirifice fury and despair were alternated at very high voltage.

Myung-Whun Chung, already

Myung-Whun Chung, already known in London as a pianist, had not appeared here as a conductor until his concert with the London Schools Symphony Orchestra—he is to return to the Festival Hall with the RPO in Fobrary As the RPO in February. As Giulini's assistant in Los Angeles since 1978 he of course came with experience, and the gestures to transmit his wishes. In Wagner's Rienzi overture a pliably expressive bear coaxed increasingly full sonority from his young players, and in Tchaikovsky's second symphony they were caught up and carried along in his buoyant rhythm—never mind a few strained sounds in the testing Scherzo, a kind of trial run for the March in the Puthétique. Bloch's Schelomp, with his sister Myung-Wha Chung as soloist, was harder to co-ordinate, colour and intensify with players so young, but its climaxes were never skimped.

Joan Chissell

New scholarship for pianists

The Julius Isserlis Scholarship, established in memory of the

Russian pianist who died in 1968 and administered by the Royal Philharmonic Society, will be competed for, for the first time, next June. The award, which is worth about £5,000 a year, will on this occasion go to a pianist aged between 15 and 20 and normally resident in the United Kingdom, enabling him or her to study abroad for two years.

Panufnik's Homage

set to dance

David Bintley's new plotless ballet for Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet, Homage to Chopin, has its first performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, on February 15, and its first London performance at Sadler's Wells Theatre on February 22. The ballet, which uses music by Andrzej Panufnik of the same name, has been designed by Mike Becket, who has col-laborated with Bintley on all his previous ballets,

Absence of pressure allows Greenwood room to experiment

Ev Norman Fox Football Correspondent

For reasons of choice and personal obligation, Ron Greenwood. the England manager, is bound to make alterations in the team to play a competitively inconsequen-tial European Chempionship match against the Republic of Ireland at Wembley a week today. The ques-tion is whether he continues to promote from the ranks of the younger players or reverts tem-porarily to the older ones inclu-ded in a party of 21 announced

ded in a party of 21 agnounced vesterday.

As England have already qualified for the finals of the European Championship in Italy next June, Mr Greenwood felt obliged to release Nortingham Forest players for the second leg of a special European trophy match against Bartelona in Spain next Tuesday. In effect he said Forest had cooperated with him in the past and it was now his turn to how to their plans. Thus he loses Shilton, Anderson and Francis.

Shilton and Francis.

Shilton and Francis would almost certainly have played; Shilton because it is his turn to be goalkeeper as Clements played against Buigaria in November. Francis because he would have henefited from more international experience. There was less certainly of Anderson's inclusion hecause his form has not been outstanding in recent weeks.

The loss of Forest's players and the comparative absence of pressure in next week's game will allow Mr. Greenwood some room

sure in next week's game will allow Mr Greenwood some room for experimenting, although he has been deprived of one of the most promising young defenders, Statham, who is injured. There is only one uncapped

player in the party, Robson, the West Bromwich Albion midfield player who could be included in the team, especially if Brooking falls to prove his fitness. However, another member, Johnson to Liverpool, has not played for the international side since 1975. Johnson to 28 and unlikely to be considered for the European considered for the European Championship finals unless as support within the party frame-work. For the moment, however. he is in good scoring form.

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Johnson is joint leading scorer
In the first division with 20 goals
and could form a temporary
partnership with Woodcock, who
hopes to be released by Cologne.
England are also waiting for final
confirmation that Keegan and
Cunningham will be allowed leave
of absence from Hamburg and of absence from Hamburg and Real Madrid respectively. Keegan has made good recovery from a nasty ankle injury received at the weekend

Currie, the Queen's Park Rangers midfield player, and Latchford, the Everton centre forward, have been omitted Mr Greenwood said he may Mr Greenwood said he may decide to call up one other player because there is some doubt about Brooking's fitness and Cunningham's availability. He also said that he felt there was a competitive edge to the match because the Republic of Ireland were the only team to take a point from England in European Championship matches. They drew 1—1 in Dublin more than a year ago.

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Johnson: may form temporary partnership with Woodcock.

Three promoted in Stein's old Scots guard

Jock Stein, the Scotland mana-ger, has shuffled the pack vet again for the European chamger, has shuffled the pack vet again for the European championship game with Portugal at Hampden Park next Wednesday. Steve Archibald, Aberdeen's highly rated striker, is one of three players he has promoted. Archibald. Billy Thompson, the St Mirren goalkeeper, and Bobhy Russell, Rangers's midfield terrier, all played Important parts against Belgium last month when Mr Stein's young Scots reached the quarter-final stage of the under-21 championship.

Mr Stein watched that match 24 hours before seeing his senior side bumiliated by the Belgians at Hampden. The trio's showing convinced him they can play a part in his World Cup plans. Scotland start their World Cup qualifying programme in Sweden next September and Mr Stein is desperately attempting to find the right combination before then. His experimental midfield formation has been ditched. Apart from introducing youngsters he has also fallen back on experience, recalling four Anglo-Scots.

They are the Liverpool centreback, Alan Hansen; the midfield pair, Archie Gemmill (Birmingham City) and Asa Hartford (Everton); and the Leeds United winger. Arthur Graham, Mr Stein's party of 20 also includes the Liverpool midfield man, Graeme Souness, and Wolverhampton's £1.5 million striker, Andy Gray, who were forced to withdraw from the 3—1

striker, Andy Gray, who were forced to withdraw from the 3—1 defeat by Belgium. Five players from that disappointing display are missing this time.

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McNeil steals the thunder and limps off

Dixie McNell pushed Wrenham into the lifth round of the FA into the lifth round of the FA Cup and enhanced his reputation with two goals which put the side on their way to a bumper pay day at Everton. In the 17th minute of this fourth round replay, McNell scored with a thundering left foot shot that gare him his tenth full goal in the last few seasons. Carliste United equalised in the ewnty-seventh micrate when Bondyman took advantage of a defensive mix-up to lob over Davies. But McNell struck again four minutes later with a spectacular goal after a corner kick by Fox.

by Fox.

McNeil had two chances at the start of the second half but mis-sed both.

The game was sealed in the seventy-seventh minute when Jones took the ball away from Ludlam and ran 35 yards before slipping the ball past Swinburge. McNeil, who had been injured in the first half, limped off in the twenty-ninth minute of the second wenty-nipth migute of the second and was given a great ovation

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George's chance comes in the Supercup

Charlie George makes his first nome appearance for Nottingham Forest, in tonight's European Forest, in tonight's European Supercup against Barcelona. An Impressive showing could lead to a permanent move to the City Ground for George, who is on a month's loan from Southampton. George, rated at \$500,000, made his first appearance for Forest in the 2—1 win at Leeds, 10 days

ago,
Terry Yorath, the Wales captalls, is Tottenham Hotspur's
latest fitness worry for tonight's
FA Cup fourth round replay
against Swindon Town at White
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Bart Lane. Yorath has a heavy cold.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers players. Hughes, Berry and Richards, have recovered from injuries received in Saturday's cup game with Norwich City Norwich's grankeeper Keslan, injured at Molificux, looks like lessing his fight to be fit for toright's game. Kerlan, Roy McFarland, the former England centre half, passed a fitness test last night when he completed 45 minutes in a friendly for Derby County at Loton. The game ended in a 0—0 draw. McFarland bas been out of action for three mouths, but should be fit for Saturday.

Today's football fixtures.

European Supercup (first leg)
Nottingham Forest v Barcelona. FA Cup : Fourth round replays Fourth division Scottish Cup : Third round

Abratioonians & St. Johnstone. Albes Alhottis: y Heart of Midothian. Dundee United y Dundee Dunfermine Abbelle. Buchte Thislia. Kingsruck y Pariket Thislia. Scottish Cup: Third round replays Absident v Arbrouth.
Rangers v Clyde.
Stirling Albion v Clydebank.
Scottish Second division
Meadowbank v Last Fife.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Scuthern division: Addiestone v Bognor Repla: Dover
v Crawley: Fargham Town v Basingstake.

State William Bridgend v Lanelli (T.15): Cambridge Chir v Royal Navy (2.50): Plymouth A5 r Facter University (7.50): Pontyridd v Sauth Glandram (7.00): Rosslyn Park v The Army (7.01: Nowport v Gross Keys (7.15): Vondon Longue: Cambridge Mockey (7.15): Ondon Longue: Cambridge Mockey (7.15): Richnord Valvestry (7.50): Richnord Valvestry (7.50): Richnord Kirk-oft 7.50 miless stated.

England awakes to dawn of new age of decadence

A football League discussion paper paints a bleak prospect for the game in the 1980s unless structural and financial reforms are carried through. It envisages a period of slow decay with talling attendances and a weakened England side with the Football League no longer counting as a strong European league.

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The management committee say that restructuring is the most important in the long term, but no like Alan Hardaker's "Pattern of Football" in the 1950s, no firm proposals are put forward.

This time the plan is for the clubs to arrive at a consensus through a series of regional meetings which will begin text mouth. Graham Kelly, the league secretary, said: "We have decided against shock tactics this time. They have been tried and failed."

The paper, headed "Football in the Eighties", says: "In view of recent statements about cutting down playing staffs, it may well be that clubs are in the mood to consider some drastic reorganization. Even the big clubs are beginning to feel the pinch.

"The wholesale reductions of staffs will only hasten the end of the Football League as a strong European league because we shall never be in a position to replace players who go abroad, unless the strength of reserve teams is maintained.

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"Without adequate reserve teams, clubs will simply vie with one another to obtain foreign one another to optain foreign players, domestic players will go abroad and the inevitable result will be the slow decay of the league with falling attendances and also a weakened team. The question is, will the clubs agree

question is, will the clubs agree to any form of reorganization and, if so, what? "

The management committee have first views on rying to halt the "escalation of transfer fees: "The surest way is to abolish the instalment system and insist on payment in full on transfer." Which would rule out clubs agreeing fees of £1.5 million as Wolverhampton Wanderers did for Andy Gray.

Four for the cup New York, Jan 29.—Arsenal, Roma of Italy, the Vancouver Whitecaps and the New York Cromos will play in the inaugural Trans-Atlantic Challenge Cup Tournament in May, the North American Soccer League (NASL) announced today.—Reuter.

United the subject of League

inquiry

Allegations of corruption at Manchester United, made in a Granada Television programme on Monday, are expected to be the sobject of a full inquiry by the Football League, probably in cooperation with the Football Association. The Manchester police are also studying a record-ing of the programme which used the United chairman, Mr Louis Edwards, as its primary subject.

The programme, entitled "The Man Who Bought United". alleged Illegal club shares negotiations involving substantial cash payments, false documentation, and secret payments by the club to obtain schoolboy players. The last allegation, if proved, could lead to the expulsion of the club from the Football League.

Several well known focuball personalities were mentioned during the programme which dealt with the bulless affairs of Mr Edwards who owned a meat wholesale company. Mr Edwards joined the United board after the Munich air disaster in 1958 and has faced some opposition. He later acquired 51 per cent of the shares and gained control of the club after obtaining a further 1,936 shares. In 1978 he first revealed that a new rights issue of shares was to be made to raise film for the club. Some shares film for the club. Some shares film for the club. Some shares holders were critical but subsequently they supported kie plan. Crubain Kelly, the Football League secretary, said yesterday that the aflegations would be discussed at the next monthly meeting "if not before". The management committee's next scheduled meeting is on February 10. Mr Kelly added: "There is a strong possibility that the management committee will call for a full inquiry because there are allegations that Football League regulations have been broken. There will be fairly close is also between the League and the Football. Association before either body takes firm action."

A spokesman for the Greater Manchester Police said he ex-Several well known foctball per-

A spokesman for the Greater Manchester Police said he ex-pected that Chief Superintendent Kenneth Forrester, head of CID, would study a transcript and Kenneth Forrester, head of CID, would study a transcript and video recording of the programme. He added: "He will then decide what action, if any is necessary". Mr Edwards himself declined to appear on the programme and yesterday refused to comment. His son. Martin, said: "Our solicitors were watching the programme". Solicitors acting for Sir Matt Busby, the former United managet, and Mr Leslie Olive, the secretary, have arranged to see a recording of the programme.

Manchester United's manchester United's inter-national fame and enormous support will ensure that the whole matter is dealt with at high level. The Football Association con-firmed yesterday that it would be discussed "by the appropriate committee".

programme.

They will be particularly con-cerned to protect football's reputation after a year of diffi-culties including the High Court calies including the High Court case involving Don Revie. Allegations of illegal inducements to obtain schoolboy players are regularly made in private but will now be subjected to open examination. In 1969 Manchestor United were fined £7,000 for irregularities in administration.

Seven Labour MPs from Man-chester constituencies have asked the Trade Secretary. Mr John chester constituencies have the Trade Secretary. Mr his department to initiate an inquiry into the financial affairs of the club, and a shareholder. Mr Frank Holt, said be koped to force an extraordinary general meeting. The letter from the MPs said they wanted to allay unbits contern and restore confipublic concern and restore confi-dence in a club "witch made a significant contribution to the history of football and rightly com-mands the loyalty and affection of countless followers of the

The programme suggested that Manchester United's secretary field a special fund for use when inducements were required to obtain schoolboy players. It alleged that the money was raised by the staff making false demands for expenses. Cash payments could then be made to the parents of Rugby Union

Locks carry the can for France's defeat

Toulouse, Jan. 29

For the first time since the war the French team for a Five Nations championship game has been chosen only four days before the selectors were in after the crushing defeat by Wales 10 days ago. They waited for Sunday's club matches before aunouncing the side to face England in Paris on Faturday, and have made four changes. There are two new caps and two old caps are recalled; but the debate is said to have been fierce between the supporters of the supporters of higger changes.

Only one change is made in the books when the figure are the books when the first the selection and every body here hopes that the books when the first the selection and every body here hopes that the books when the first the selection and every body here hopes that the books when the first the selection and every body here hopes that the selections and every body here hopes that the selection and every body here hopes that the selections and every body here hopes that the selections and every body here hopes that the selections and the selections of the selections confidence. He will the selections confidence the selections confidence the selections of the sel Only one change is made in the backs, where the left wing, Jean-Luc Averous (La Voulte), who played in the victory over New Zenland last summer, replaces Frederic Costes and wins his 17th an Averous is not as first as

cap. Averous is not as fast as: Costes but is known for his good defensive play; in Cardiff Costes missed too many tackles on Elgan Rees. More important are the changes in the pack. The young hooker. Pitlippe Dintrans, who played in the Tests in New Zealand, takes the place of the well-tried Paco, still included as a replacement.

still included as a replacement.

The two locks who played against Wales are out: Marchal. who scored France's my, and Hager are judged guilty of the pack's poor performance. One of the newtomers is Yves Duliart. 6ft 6ins and 16st, who plays for Bagnères, flushers in 1set season's French champlonship. The selection of the 24-year-old hospital attendant is a big surprise because he is not a leading figure in French rugby; but he is able to play on the left side of the scrum, something that Marchal and Maleig, his partner for Saturday, cannot do.

Maleig is moved from No 8 to

the second row, his usual place, where his strength and good scrummaging enable him to keep the selectors' confidence. He will

move from Oloron to Tarbes, but the chairman of Oloron would not let him go. His degree of filmess cannot be very high.

The second big surprise is the choice of Manuel Carpentier at No 8. He is a 20-year-old, 6ft fin iron worker, who was the big hope for the French team in the future, but circumstances have given him quick premotion. His time performance for the B team against Scotland was a key factor in his selection and everybody here hopes that France have at last found a successor to the injured Bastiat.

Despite his difficult afternoon opposite Graham Price, Patrick Salas keeps his place at loose head prop and will play his fifth inter-

Salas keeps ins place at loose nead prop and will play his fifth international. He played the first in Christchurch as a lock, the second in Auckland at No 8, and is now in the front row.

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What can be expected of this team, which will again be led by Jean-Pierre Rives? The answer lies with the forwards—whether Joinel and Carpentier can win good balls in the lineout and how France's react to the powerful to the lineout and how France's scrum react to the powerful English eight. The French backs are bright enough to score if given good hall.

There is doubt about the centre, Codorniou, who has a hip injury but has a 90 per cent chance of baing fit.

being fit.

FRANCE: J. M. Aguirre Bagnares.

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Rawle emerges with credit from a private contest

Middlesex 0

By Gordon Alian Westminster 10 Westminster, who were runners.

Westmitster, who were runnersup to. St. Mary's last year, heat
Middlesex by a goal and a try to
nothing in a wild and woolly
Hospitals Cup rugby match at
Chislehurst yesterday. It puts
them in the semi-final round at
Richmond on February 21, when
their opponents, will be either St
Bartholomew's or Kita's College,
who play tomorrow.

Bartholomew's or King's College, who play tomorrow.

Rawle scored both Westminster's tries. In his little private contest with another Harlequies scrum half, Lamden, he came off in credit, not only because he took his two chances so well, but also because Westminster's forwards gave him a better service. This was particularly true in the tight scrummages, where with the impenss of greater poundage, they heeled repeatedly against the hend and saved a number of dangerous situations.

situations.

Middlesex did not deserve to lose by 10 points. They went to their limit of effort. They went to their limit of effort. They went loose and at the lineouts, with Bevan powerfully compicuous at all times, but their backs were never able to move it smoothly enough or outckly enough to outflank Westminster's defence.

Rawle scored his first try 10 minutes before half-time. He illed over in the corner after some scrappy play Macaulay another Harlequin; whose tactical kicking was long, well directed and induental, missed the conversion. Landen missed the conversion. Landen missed the conversion, handen his apost. ost. Rawle's second try, a quarter

Rawle's second my, a quarter of an hour into the second half, was the heiter of the two. From a strummage on the Middlesex 22 ha feinted to pass to Mataniay, and while Middlesex momentarily looked the other way, he rar through the say unimpeded hiscaulay made it a goel. For Macaulay made it a gorl. For the rest of the game Middlesex worked like nevvies to score. Weatminster worked equally hard to frustrate them. Westminster were successful, Middlesex merely uniucky
To the other cup match played yesterday, London beat Royal Free 21-7 at Teddington.

WISTMINSTER HOSPITAL: M. Mis. mt. 4. Leaper. P. Acquith. P. Priliciard. P. Sairplos: J. Macaulay. P. Hawle: C. Wilson, C. Partise. D. MocVicar. R. Bellin, P. Hugden, D. Levier. R. Wolfer, P. Hugden, D. Berreil. MIDDLESEX MOSPITAL: J. Deficise. P. Millor. H. Hunter. S. Turner. T. Holleris. D. Bowen, C. Landen, C. Fills. A. Gillowry. C. Davidsun, M. Joneferdi, R. Edgerley. K. Joy. C. Refere. B. Russoll (London).

Lancashire call in Phillips Peter Phillips, of Orcell, will

take over the position in the centre, left vacant by the injury to Tony Bond, in Lencashire's team to meet Gloucestershire in the Thorn County Championship final at Vale of Lune on February

Bond broke a leg in England's match against Ireland and will be out for the rest of the season. Phillips, making his first appearance for the county since 1975. though a member of Lancashire's party, should prove an able deputy in a side which has amassed more than 200 noints on the way to the final. He is a skilful player and has a strong defence.

Phillips, the only change in the all-conquering Lancashire line-up.

was in the North West Counties party which toured South Africa at the end of last season.

LANCASHIES: K. O'Erlen (Broughton Fark). J. Carleban (Orroll). A. Willem (Droll). M. Wilson (Droll). M. Wilson (Droll). M. Wilson (Droll). M. Wilson (Droll). S. Smith (Saho); D. Tabern (Polic). J. Helper (Watarion: F. Carlon). Sale). W. Benumont (Prido, Est.). J. Seelah (Warrion). H. Grod (Sale). A. Nour; (Brouchies Park). L. Gonnor (Waterion). R. Garlon (Waterion). R. Alchlon. T. Grode, M. Moris (Livrpool), K. Alchlon. T. Grode, K. Alchlon. T. Grode, K. Pacey (Broughton Park).

Athletics.

Capes, No 5 in the world, but not yet in **British elite**

Geoff Capes, Britain's leading prove to the doubting selectors this Saturday that he is worthy of inclusion in the Olympic " elite

group.
Capes will compete for Britain
In the indoor international against
West. Germany at Coslord—the
65th appearance for his country

which is a record.
Capes, who set a New Zealand
all-comers record in Auckland on

all-comers record in Auckland on Saturday with a throw of 68tt 1½in—his best for two years—must make an application to the British Amateur Athletic Board selection committee to be included among the elite.

Capes, whose Auckland form—he had six turows over 65ft—has placed him fifth in the world on lesst year's rankings, will be the only Olympic certainty in a line only which will be without most of the top athletes, who are maining abroad.

Even Daley Thompson, who competed in the Philips national indoor championships at the Cogord meeting last weekend, will be absent as he rounds off his British training programme before leaving for 12 weeks in San Diego.

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Ainsiey Bennett, who had to miss the national 200 metrs finals last Saturday because of a muscle injury, has been chosen for Saturday, although Peter Little stands by to partner 18 year-old Phil Brown, who retained his title.

Mark Hetton is another doubtful state: because of lother, in the

starter, because of laying, in the 60 meers hundles and Berrym Price, the Commonwealth Games champion, is his likely replace-

champion, is his likely replacement.

Among the crop of promising youngsters given their chance are last Saturday's teenage successes. Linsey Macdonald, who set a UK and Commonwealth 200 metres record at 24.3 sec. and 16-year, cid Leeds schoolett. Sandra Arthurton, the winner of the 1500 metres.

Wendly Clarke, the winner of the short switch, is not available so Reason Thomas (Sakana) and Pippa Baker (Norfolk Olympiades) form a new pairing. Lie Barnes, hnoreselve winner of Saturday's 400 metres steps up to 800 metres with Cherry Hauson having ruled herself out.

Motor rallying

Clark carries on with a British car

Roger Clark, Britain's best known rally driver, will this year drive a British car, with British sponsors, under a red, white and blue banner. Clark, a 39-year-old garage proprietor from Narborough, dispelled cumours that he wildth he estimate with the acnouncement yesterday that he will sailly drive a Triumph TR7 in this year's Sedan Open championship and the Lombard RAC Rally.

Clark last drove a British Leyland product. a Rover 2000-TC. when finishing sixth in the 1955 Monte Carlo rally. "I see this as an excellent opportunity to keep and the second view of the se soing in the sport I love with a powerful and competitive car". Clark said.

Money for his run

Barry Wood ended his cricket testimonial season last night on a record note. After 14 years with Lancasbire, he was bandel a cheque for \$62,429—over \$20,000 more than the previous record, set by David Lloyd last year.

Clark said.

He will also be sponsored by Sparkrite and Esso. John Davenport, BL motorsport director, said:

"Roger's experience is sacond to none, as is his ability to via relification of the supporters will be eager to see what he can achieve with the TR7." The sponsors say the car is the most powerful rully exhibite in the world. Jim Porter will be Clark's co-driver except in the RAC rally.

Neil Polly, another cadet. gained an unexpected win over

the seeded Mark Evans, 15-3, 4, 15-11, 15-7, and the result carried a lesson. Evans was lete in arriving and was civilously unsettled when he went on to court.

For the record

Tennis SEATTLE: Women's singles, first round it.S. unless stated: Miss I. Sustin beat Miss M. Pialek, b—G. Certis, b—S. A. Jaconr beat Miss M. Gartis, b—J. Miss A. Jaconr beat Miss W. Wade (GBI) beat Miss C. Stoll, i—b. 7—3. Miss A. Magclann beat Miss C. Brown of the Miss M. Magclann beat Miss A. Bohert hard (Ramandal News) Miss M. Martillotti (Ramandal News) Miss M. Miss M. Martillotti (Ramandal News) Miss M. Martillotti (Ramand

Boxing

Squash rackets Basketball Hockey REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Oxford University 5, England Juniors 1.

Yachting

Latest European snow reports

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of Great Britain. L. refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The following reports have been received from other source

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to a successful career in American professional golf is now through university scholarship is widely held and with some justification. Fortunately for the viability and colour of the game there are exceptions and the nutsanding one of the moment is larry Nelson. Nelson.

On his way to the top as second only to Tom Watson in the order of merit last year, and to an outstanding success in the Ryder Cup match, he has ignored many of the accepted guidelines. Not for him the well-trodden path through Houston or Wake Forest or one of the better-known state universities. He went on a baseball scholarship to Kennesaw Junior College in Georgia and never gave golf a thought for the first 21 years of his life.

"Right now I have probably had less competitive golf than Bob Clampett"—the national college champion who, in his early twenties, is some ten years

The view that the only approach to a successful career in Ameri-

From Peter Ryde San Diezo, Jan 29

college champion with, in his early twenties, is some ten years younger than Nelson, who had played in only one 72-hole event when he graduated to the tour in 1973 at the age of 25. "It is amazing really to think of all those players behind me at the moment who have been determined to make a career of golf since they were 12."

This is sonken without conceit.

This is spoken without conceit. He respects his colleagues and, in a quiet way, is outgoing and a member of the players' policy board. But he believes there is a dauger among some of the younger players of over-expectation, of thinking they ought to be better than they are and therefore expecting to do things before they are ready to do them. That does not imply lack of ambition. Like many Americans, Nelson has been bred to believe a man can do anything if he has the determination to reach a goal, and that goal might as well be number one. It is the mature view of the man who at 32 believes that at 28 He respects his colleagues and,



Faces of the Eighties: the man who teed off late in his golfing life

What Nelson expects is victory

Larry Nelson has his eyes trained on Britain again.

a golfer reaches his prime.

In writing of golfers in the limelight one is always conscious they may be a flash in the panand a good many on tour come and go rapidly. But at least Nelson has shown no signs of receding into obscurity since his climax last year in the Ryder Cup. A shrewd pairing by Casper gave him the experience, in which he was totally lacking, of matchplay as seen through the eyes of Lanny Wadkins, whose assertiveness and experience of it made him just experience of it made him just the man for othe job. Wadkins told him it was no

good staying two up, he had to make if three up: if you were marking time you were going bockwards. Nelson needed that positive thinking in his stugle against Severiano Ballesteros after winning the first three boles. Of the Spaniard he had this to say: "He's a little wild but he's still the Spaniard he had this to say:

"He's a little wild but he's still young. If he can mature mentally in the way Nicklaus or Watson has done he could become the finest player in the world. But he will have to make sure he is not burnt out by the time be is 30. They made something of his remarks about my heing lucky.

ten to one I would get misunoerstood."

He meant lucky at one or two
holes, not lucky to win. If I had
to explain that in a foreign lanNelson's matchplay lesson carried over luto his subsequent pleon tour. Two ahead is no longer
good enough. Before the end of
that month he had come within
a stroke of winning the world
series, dropping two shots on the
seventy-first hole and tinishing
second. This season he has
finished fourth in the Bob Hope,
seventeenth at Phoenix; he is on
his way again.

His leap last year to second

His leap last year to second place from forty-account the year before, a more which he said on reflection made him feel humble, owed more to his parting than any other department. At the best of times be is no more than atterage length off the tee, and last year he lost a little length in switching to a lighter driver, but one that increased his accuracy. Contrary to the flow of opinion, specially that of the giants whom he cannot match physically, and who constantly soek to be able, to pitch to the green with a smaller club than the rest, Nelson believes there is so much opportunity for sharpening iron play in practice that he would rather hit a five-iron from the fairway than a seven-fron from the rough.

Nelson will be coming over for the fairway than

Nelson will be coming over for the Open this summer. Charac-teristically he does not talk about it in terms of another peak to climb. He is bringing his wife with him and taking a week off either side of it to give her a holiday. But he liked his view of Britain seen through the European Open last year and you can be quite sure he will be taking it anything but lightly.

He may take a bit of finding

He may take a bit of finding on the course because he melts easily into the background. He is 5ft 9in, the same height as Gene Littler, and there is about his swing something of the same simplicity and lack of strain.

Rackets

Nicholls's persistence pays

By Roy McKelvie

For the first two games yesterday Mark Nicholls, last year's runner-up, and Hugo Akernian, a cadet, produced the best rackets yet seen in the Army champion-ships at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. Then Akernian's game fell apart and Nicholls, with ever increasing presure, won 13—9, 15—8, 15—0, 19 Le vill now play Timothy Breitmeyer, who looks a very useful server, for a place in the semi-linal round.

final round.

The graph of the number of hands played by Nicholls and Akerman gives a better picture than the score of the fight the loser put up in the first two games. Twenty hands were played in the first game, serem of them blank; this was the result of good service return, especially by Akerman, rather than weak serving. Fourteen were played in the second, in which Akerman led 4—0 after six hands. There were

settled when he went on to court.

REBULTS. Army singles championship acond round: 11 Brails alle bill. Acond round: 11 Brails alle bill. Acond round: 11 Brails alle bill. Acond round: 12 Brails. 12 Brails. 13 Brails. 14 Brails. 15 Brails.

Boxing

Gardner's latest Koopmans easily is a Belgian

Join L. Gardner is to defend his Europeau heavyweight championship against Rudi Gauwe. of Belgium. Gauwe is the third opponent to be announced for Gardner in the past month. His original opponent was Lorenzo Zanon, of Italy, who withdrew to concentrate on preparing for a contest in March with the world champion. Larry Holmes.

The European Boxing Union The European Boxing Union substituted another Italian, Alm Righetti. He was knocked our in one round by an American, Tony Mums, over the weekend and has also withdrawn as the championship contender.

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Gauwe was chosen by the EBU
to meet Gardner by March 18.
The contest is open to purse offers
until February 18. It is likely that
Gardner will have to travel.
Gauwe does not have a particularly impressive record. In
November 1978 he was knocked
out in two rounds by the British
heavyweight, Tony Moore,
although his performance has
since improved.

retains title

Rotterdam, Jan 29.—Rudi Koop-mans, of I'me Netherlands, success-fully defended his European light-heavyweight boxing title for the third time here last night when he clearly outpointed the Italian challenger, Ennio Cometti, over 12 rounds.

Koopmans, aged 31, built up 3
big early lead with gowerful com-

blandons, and opened up cuis under Cometti's eyes.

The Italian champion fought back gamely, winning his first round in the ninth, but was constantly hit as he went forward.

It was a better nerforward, by It was a better performance by Koopmans than his last trie defence, an unimpressive draw against the Frenchman Hocine Tafer, here last November. He took the championship from another Italian, Aldo Traversaro, a page 200, and the principles. year ago, and retained it against Robert Amory, of France, last

May.

Cometti, aged 29, a stocky southpaw, has now lost seven professional bouts. Koopmans remains
undefeated in 34 bouts.

SPORT____ Cricket

West Indies settle an old score

Cricket Correspondent Adelaide, Jan 29

Australia are taking one of their worst beatings for a long time in the third Test match here against West Iudies. At close of against West Indies. At close of play this evening, needing a little matter of 574 to win, they were 131 for seven. Come what may the match ends tomorrow, and on Thursday the West Indians leave for a five-week tour of New Zealand, incidentally without Vivian Richards, who is going home to give his bock a rest.

West Indies allowed themester

West Indies allowed themselves to be bowled out rather than declaring and setting Australia a "target". By the time their last wicket fell it was mid-afternoon and they were left with just over nine hours in which to win the match. As happens time and again when one side has much the faster bowling. West Indies soon had the Australian batsmen on the run.

Even about the batting of Grego

the Australian batsmen on the run.

Even about the batting of Greg
Chappell there is now an air of
distraction—not against England,
unfortunately, but against West
Indies, Today, after 28 overs,
Australia were 98 for five. In the
first innings they were bowled
out for 203; against West Indies
in Melbourne they made only 156
and 259. Having been told by the
Packer players that all would be
well with Australian cricket when
they were returned to the side,
the Adelaide crowd are disappointed that a side containing
seven of them should have done
so poorly. Indies. Today, after 28 overs, Australia were 98 for five. In the first hannes they were bowled out for 203; against West Indies in Melbourne they made only 156 and 259. Having been told by the Packer players that all would be well with Australian cricket when they were returned to the side, the Adelaide crowd are disappointed that a side containing seven of them should have done so poorly.

In his first season of Test cricket, Wiener finds his confidence draining away: Today he was caught at the wicket in the

fifth over. Ian Chappell, the enfant terrible, was soon caught at the wicket down the lag side, hooking at Holding; Laird fought hard and luckily, as he has done in all his three Tests against West Indies, before being leg before to a breakback; Greg Chappell, after hitting five fours in quick time, was also leg before to Croft bowling round the wicket. The batter, or some of them, looked as surprised by their decisions as, in Australia, the West Indians often do. The West Indians may be more inclined to helieve after today that Australian umpires, if not very good, are impartial.

not very good, are impartial. To their overnight score of 303 for four West Indies added 145 runs. That was many more than they needed; but there was an old score to be settled. In Sydney in 1969 Australia, also leading by one match in the series, batted on until they were 734 runs ahead and there was no way in which West Indies could level the series. Lloyd was playing in that match too, and having never won a Test series in Australia, West Indies felt justified today in putting their lead beyond reach,

Kollicharda's indings was delightful. At 30 he looks as almble as when, at 21, he played in his first Test match, and he is still a lovely flelder. Lloyd played very well again for his 49, and Murray made another of his many 20s. For Australia, Morsh took his tally of Test victims, to 217, which is within two of Godfrey Evans's total and 35 short of Alan Knott's record. When March stumped Greenidge yesterday, he was only his ninth stumping victim; Evans stumped 46 and of Oldfield's 130 victims no fewer than 52 were stumped. Thus has the game changed. With five for 103 Dymock again. stumped. Thus has the game changed.
With five for 103 Dymock again had the best bowling figures for Australia. In five Test marches, against England and West Indies, Lillee has taken 24 wickets at 29 apiece; in four Tests Dymock has taken 28 at 16 apiece. Who, when the season started, would have thought that Dymock would aduled the greater success than Lillee. Thomson or Hogg? For years Dymock has laboured in the shadow of the others, his praises unsung.

Kollicharran's innings

shadow of the others, his praises unsung.

With four wickets in the match for 211 runs Mallett barely justified the selectors' decision to bring him in from the cold at the age of 34, although he howled quite well. The selectors must be wondering, too, whether to give Ian Chaopell the last Test match against England. Chappell's scores since they brought him back at the start of the month have been 42, nine, two and four (there was some talk today of his having been given out caught off his helmet) and he is known not to want to tour again or to play

much more cricket. With the series against England already won, the Australian selectors may look to the future. It is time they did.

WEST INDIES: First Innings, (C. H. Lloyd 121, I. V. A. Rist 76; D. K. Llifee 5 for 76). Greenidge, st Marsh, G. Greeninge, 16 Marsh, b Mallell
D. L. C. Maynes, c Margh, b Paccoo
I. V. A. Richards, b Border
A. I. Kallicharran, b Mallell
L. C. Rowe, c Marsh, b Dymock
C. Crait, c Border, b Pasco
C. H. Lloyd, c Marsh, b Dymock
D. L. Murray, c G. Chappoll, b
Dymock Total

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—48, 2—184, 2—213, 4—229, 5—331, 5—398, 7—417, 8—443, 0—446, 10—448, 80WLING: Lineo, 25—8—75—0: Pascoe, 25—3—33—2; Dymock, 33.5—7—104—5; Mailetti, 38—7—134—2; Border, 4—2—10—1. AUSTRALIA: First lonings, 203 (A. R. Border, 54, B. M. Laird 32; C. Croft 4—57). Wiener, c Murray b Roberts
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G. Dymock, not out Extras (1-b 1, w-2, n-b 5) Total (7 wkts) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1—12. 2—21.
3—71. 4—83, 5—98, 6—130. 7—
121.
BOYLING (lo date): Roberts, 11—4—17—2: Holding 8—2—20—1:
Garner, 11—3—39—2; Croft, 11—1—47—2

in the right spirit

Canberra, Jan 29

England, thanks to exceedingly bright batting by Boycott, Larkins, Gooth, in particular, and Gower, coasted to a comfortable win today in the three-day game at the Minuka Oval here.

England needed 253 rons in 140 minutes after Walters declared again, and although Larkins, who betted magnificantly and Report batted magnificently, and Boycott, in his usual confident, determined form, gave the victors a good start of 124 it was Gooth's magni-ficent driving and big bitting that put England in line for a splendid win with eight wickets and 2.4

win with eight wickets and 2.4 overs to spare. It was a doy under a lovely Australian summer sun made for batsmen. The pitch was true and somnolent and the English attack made little impression. There was a stir early when Taylor of all people fumbled badly when Trevor Chappell was yards down the pitch to Underwood and missed. Chappell was then 15 and thir was the only time England looked like breaking through. looked like breaking through.

Underwood, as always, was tight and tidy but there was no penetration. Lever took to bowling slow left-hand and Chappell promptly hit him for six. Dyson made a laborious 45, but Chappell and Hilditch were in no trouble. Hilditch, after being in the Test eleven in India, has fallen badly from high estate and his mental attitude is shown in his stance Larkins, in particular, and Boycott were in form which is important with a Test in Mel-

bourne this week, and Larkins had his highest score in Australia. Gooch, whose driving on both sides was opulent, hit one massive stroke almost out of this vast ground for six off Board, but perhaps his best stroke and indeed the stroke of the season was when he turned round about to a short ball from Board again and smacked it right lustily left hand past original point who was left standing and speechless.

It was a splendid victory and will send England off to Met-hourne in high spirits. Another to bat attractively was Gower who was into form immediately with splendid drives.

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Inninas 12: for 7 de: (K. D. Walters 62, R. Stevenson 4 for 441, Second Innings M. Hiddich, c Taylor, b Underwood Underwood
Dyson, b Stevenson
M. Chappell, not out
C. Davis not out
Estras (I-b 8, n-b 5)

ENGLAND: First leadings, 203.
Second featings
, Boycott, c Tookey, b Board
, Lartins, c Tookey, b Dane
, A. Conch. not out
1. Gower, not out
Extras (i-b 4, n-b 1)

wickers: 1—124. Total 12 wkts1

Gooch puts England Pakistan hope in vain for Indian collapse

Calcutta, Jan 29.—Sandeep Patil. of a meeting of the Australian playing in his second Test match, was top scorer with 62 as India methodically built up a score of meeting day of the sixth and final Test against of the sixth and final Test against in the month for discussions and on the sixth and final Test against in the month for discussions and on the spot observations, to help dominated a fifth wicket partnership of 88 with Yashpal Sharma. ship of 88 with Yashpai Sharma, who was not out on 28 at the close but was woefully unenterprising. At one stage he spent 51 minutes

vithout scoring. India, although assured of vic-tory in the series with a 2-0 lead, tory in the series with a 2—0 lead, ground along through the day with scores of 79, 61 and 65 in the three two-hour sessions. After Sunil Gavaskar and Chean Chauhan had set them off with an opening stand of 48, they slid to 99 for four, but Patil and Sharma folled. Pakistan's hopes of bringing about a collapse.

Gavaskar, who relinquished the Indian captaincy after the fifth Test, made 44. Gavaskar's sound and attractive innings, which included six boundaries, ended when he was caught at second slip off his glove when Imran Khan sent down a ball which got up off a length.

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Imran, who bowled at great speed, also dismissed Roger Binny (15) and Patti. Unercen bounce was the only problem set by the pitch, but the ball swung in the hund air.

Tour in balance: The fate of the Australian team's proposed tour of Pakistan is in the hands

Mr Bennett had discussions with Alan Barnes: ACB secretary, here today but declined to disclose his recommendations. Some observers believe that Mr Bennett thought the tour was off whether returned. It is also understood that Pakistan in the

are asking for a reduction in the financial guarantee for Australiu. S. M.: Havas'ar, c Iqbal Qasim, b Imran Khan C. P. S. Casuhan, I-b-w, b Enter-namundin hamundin
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G. R. Viswarath, b Lhiethamundin
S. M. Faill, b Imran Chan
Ya hpai Sharma, not out
Kapi! Dev. not out
Extrás (b 5, 1-b 4, n-b 8)

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Racing

Broadleas is chasing a new future

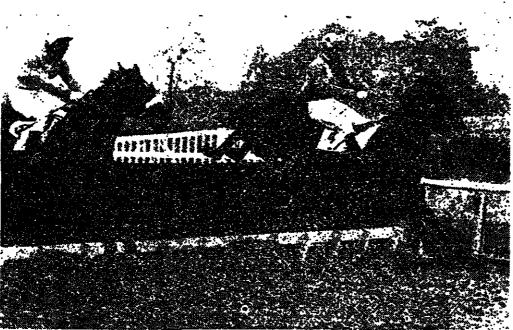
By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent Racing Correspondent

Josh Gifford trains a particularly nice young borse in Broadleas who won the Persian War Novice Hurdle decisively at Chepstow yesterday. Broadleas, who was Cifford's 50th winner of the season, looks every luch a steeple-chaser, and it is not surprising that his trainer and Dorothy Price, whose colours he carries, cannot wait to see him run over fences.

One glance at Broadlease and it One glance at Broadlease and it is easy to see why he was loo big and backward to be trained as a two-year-old by John Durdop. As a result Ryan Price's niete. Jane Baker, whose husband Robert was assisting Durdop at the time. was able to huy Broadleas relatively cheaply when he was weeded out. Mrs Baker kept him for a couple of years before sendire him to Mrs Baker kept him for a couple of years before sending him to Doncaster where he was bought by Gifford. Knowing what a nice horse he was Price then offered Gifford a profit which was accepted and prompfly gave the horse to his wife to keep him in the family. Unfortunately Mrs Price was not at Chepstow yesterday.

day.

In her absence the trophy was presented to her partner Toby Scrimeour by the Southameton footbailer. Mick Channon, whose own runner, Spark Off, could finish only seventh. Glen Berg, another nice young horse whose future also surely lies in steeplechasing, led the field for much of the way but from the moment that Richard Rowe decided to strike on Broadleas the result was never in doubt.



Flurry Knox (right) counters the challenge of Royal Potion at the last fence.

just before they jumped the second last flight, leaving Miners Lodge, Cooralie and Glen Berg to pick up the crumbs. Broadless will travel to Cheltenham in March for the Sun Alllance Novices Hurdle which Venture to Cognac won last

year.
And talking of that good horse
Food Winter, told me And talking of that good horse his trainer, Fred Winter, told me that he has no definite plan in mind other than the Sun Alliance Steeplechase and that he will not be unduly perturbed if he does not even run before the National Hunt festival although that is unlikely.

Winter was at Chepstow to see his big mare, Arctic Princess, win

Broadless overtook: Glen Berg the Gwent Handicap Hurdle. In 1st before they jumped the the absence of John Francome, 1scond last flight, leaving Miners who was suffering from a stomach upset, Arctic Princess was ridden, and ridden well, by Ben de Haan. At Windsor today Tim Forster lonks poised to win the Bovency Handicap Steeplechase with Mer-money in spite of the presence of that remarkable old horse Sunny

chance of beating Sunny Somers, Irish Shamrock and Potentate, his chief rivels this afternoon. Going for Gold, a winner twice on the flat last spring, at Nottingham in April and Goodwood in May, is capable of winning the first division of the Brocas Novices Hurdle at the expense of the more experienced New Top.

Meeting off: Newcastle races have been abandoned. Freddie Newton, the clerk of the but no one can be certain whether course, said : "The snow on the Fulke Walwyn's lightning jumper course is melting, but has caused waterlogging in places ".

Raffi Nelson will have 18lb West score first pull over Gold Cup rival

By Michael Seely
Raffi Nelson will tackle Dlamond Edge in the 515,000 Fresh
Field Handicap Chase at Sandown
Park on Saturday. Nick Henderson, his talemed young trainer,
said at Nottingham yesterday:
"Raffi Nelson was extremely
fresh and well when he went out
this morning. If we are to have
any chance in the Cheltenham
Gold Cup, we must surely take on
Diamond Edge with a difference
of 18lb. After all, we will not be
so well handicapped again."

An enthralling contest is pro-

or laid. After all, we will not be so well handicapped again."

An enthralling contest is promised. This valuable limited handicap will be the most important Gold Cup pointer seen so far this season apart from the King George VI Chase. It is by no means a two-horse affair John O'Neill, the champion jockey, will be riding King Weasel for Peter Easterby; Tied Cottage, last season's Irish Grand National winner, is another likely runner; and, with the abandonment of Newcastle today, Ken Oliver will now have to decide whether to send Rambling Jack to Sandown or to aim his Grand National candidate at the Selby Handicap at Wetherby the same afternoon. Modesty Furbids and the amazing 15-year-old, Macridi, who has now won seven races this season, can add further spice to an already apportising dish. add further spice to an already appending dish. William Hill's gave: 7-2

Diamond Edge, 4-1 Raffi Nelson, 7-1 King Weasel, S-1 Tied Cottage and Rambling Jack, Diamond Edge is my long term Gold Cup fancy can concede so much weight to last Saturday's impressive winner,

Raffi Nelson. However, at theset odds it is tempting to back both

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Further attractions at Sandown will be the appearance of Beacon Light in the Scilly Isles Novices' Chase and of Birds Nest, who will be opposed by Pollaristown and Connaught Ranger, in the Oteley Hurdle. Hurdle.
The punters are continuing to

bet like drivers on the Schweppes Gold Trophy. Despite Silver Shadow's ruraway victory at Don-caster, the supporters of three of his rivals were in action yesterday. his rivals were in action yesterday.
Ladbrokes resisted good support
for Fred Winter's candidate,
Snowtime Boy, and also for
Golden Vow. The Tote received
heavy backing for Secret Ballot
and have kept bis odds to 16-1.
Two of the leading trainers
were in fire form at Notougham.
Tony Dickinson and his jockey,
Tenmy Carmody, landed a double
with Kenils in the Ollerton Handicap Chase and with Badsworth
Boy in the Elvaston Novices'
Chase, Keclis's likely target at the
National Hun! festival will be the
Mildmay of Plete Challenge Cup National Hun! testival will be me Mildmay of Plete Challenge Cup and Badsworth Boy will revert to hurdling in the Schweppes. How-crer, the five-year-old will then he put back to feaces in the \$7,000 Surrey Novices' Chase at Lingfield Park on February 27.

Lingfield Park on February 27.

Some further light was shed on the Daily Express Triumph Burdle picture. Bob Turnell saddled Jim Joel's four-year-cid, The Solent, to make an impressive first appearance in the first division of the Stop Gap Hurdle. Obviously the son of Exbury and West Side Story has given trouble at home, for Andy Turnell had let down his leathers a couple of holes and was equipped with a pair of spurs.

Hockey

but East hold the aces

last 4 West 1 East convincingly heat West 4-1

East convincingly beat West 41 at Homerton College, Cambridge yesterday and now stand a very good chance of winning the territerritorial championship. It was the eighth match in the series and the best so far.

West scored first, their only goal in their four matches. The Slocombe-Franks duet at a corner was faultless and Mrs Slocombe's spot hit the backboard of the goal like a bullet. Thereafter East dominated.

Valerie Robinson equalized within two minutes with a cracking shot and Helen Bray scrambled the ball over the goal like to rive them: a 2-1 lead at half time. Christine Duggett splendidly finished off an excellent piece of approach work by Mrs Robinson to score No 3 and Prue Carter, who minutes before had replaced Janet Jurischka, scored a peralty East, well captained by Jenny Cartwell had Mrs Robinson to Janet Jurischka, scored a pevaliv East, well captained by Jenny Cardwell, had Mrs Robinson to lead the forward line. She has been outstanding in this role, bringing out the best in those around her. Mrs Dussett added excitement: apart from her goal, she was awarded another, but confessed she bad kicked the ball, so the umpire's decision was reversed.

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WEST: B. Hall (Wilshire), J. Signarows (Gioncestorshire, Carl), R. Snilres (Deronshire), S. Franks (Samerset), S. Corley (Gioncestershire), J. Smith (Devorshire), A. Wright (Dorset), S. Siocombe (Samerset), T. Bessent (Dorset), S. Poarvour (Gioncestershire), L. Bates (Gioucestershire), L. Bates (Gioucestershire), Umpires; C. Bryant and M. Eyre.

Squash rackets

O'Connor faster on court than Courtney

Barry O'Comer swept into the last eight of the British Amateur squash rackets champiorships, sponsored by Sun Life, at Wembley last night. He gave a masterly performance to cruch a former England intermetical. Stuart Courtney, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1.

Courtny, 9-2, 9-2, 9-1.

O'Counor, from Dulvich, ranked three in Britain, demoralized Courtney vith some anazing recoveries. His speed cround the court was recisive and when he began playing a series of accurate drop shots as well, his opnoment's hopes were shattered. Although the match lasted less than half as hour Courtney looked exhausted.

O'Counor whose americances of

O'Cornor, whose appearances at international level frave been limited because of injuries, now meets the Australian, Roger Flyan, in the quarter-final round tomorrow—O'Connor's 26th birth-day

Ross Norman, the fourth seed from Auckland, reached the quarter-final round by beating the Egyptian player, Allan Soliman, after dropping the first game. His next opponent is the Swede, Lars Kvant, seeded five. Kvant dropped only nine points in outclassing Fahim Gul, el Pakistan.

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Windsor selections

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Deplorable that major steel unions are not paying a penny piece in strike pay

It was deplorable that so much public money was being snent on subsidizing the steel strike, Mr. Reginald Prentice, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, said, Payment of social security benefits to dependants of striking steel workers would probably by now have exceeded £1m. Mr Michael Scothecton (Louth, C) had asked how many strike centres had been set up to handle claims from steel workers on strike,

where they were situated and what was the total sum that had been paid to date. Mr Prentice (Daventry, C)-Nineteen centres were set up to handle claims for supplementary benefit side centre has been closed.

(mostly on behalf of dependants) of striking employees of the British Steel Corporation. One Tees-Up to close of business on January 22, the latest date for which figures are available, a total of

Mr Brotherton-The time has come to stop setting up these centres. It is time for trade unions to bear responsibility for the strikes they have brought about. It is wrong to make the taxpayer finance these strikes. Mr Prentice—I agree with his sen-timents. It is deplorable that so much money is being spent on subsidizing this strike, considering that the two main steel unions and

11 out of 13 smaller ones involved have decided not to pay a penny piece of strike pay. Mr John Bruce-Gardyne (Knutsford, C)—Is it not abuse that the ISTC, which is sitting on a piggy pank of over £11m, should be allowed to use this to buy the anower to use mis to by the services of gentlemen from the polytechnics to man the picket lines and not provide one penny piece to the people they have called out on strike without a moment's consultation with those people?

commitment is actuated as soon as possible? (Conservative cheers.) Mr Prentice-It is utterly deplorable. On top of the damage being inflicted on the nation by this strike, the unions concerned are adding insult to injury by expect-ing taxpayers to subsidize the strike to the extent of the figures I have announced, which are one old. Well over 51m will now have been paid out to strikers' families, money which should have been contributed by the unions

Mr Reginaid Freeson, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security (Brent, East, Lab)—It is not for him to try to out-bid some of the contemptible payments per person? Except for £260 all these thou-

continue to be so entitled. (Con-servative shouts of "Why?) Mr Prentice—He and his friends might ask themselves why the Transport and General Workers' Union and the General and Municipal Workers' Union are meeting their normal obligations and pay-ing strike pay while the two big-gest unions involved here and 11 out of the 13 smaller ones are not paying a penny piece in strike pay. Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, —It is important to keep a sense proportion here. Even if the unions paid strike money there would be no guarantee it would go to the wives and families, and why

to the wives and families, and why should they be penalized?

Mr Prentice—It is necessary to keep a sense of proportion. I am saying that the conduct of the utions in this dispute, which is deplorable in general, is particularly deplorable in this respect. They have not met the normal minimal obligations of unions to their own members and narticularity. sands of pounds are paid out to meet women's and children's needs. They are entitled in law, have been for years and should distrial dispute.

The law must be upheld: everyone should condemn intimidation of steel workers

Mr Michael Foot, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, and Mr Arthur Scargllt, president of the Yorkshire miners, were accused during questions to the Prime Minister of rabble rousing in the steel dispute.

Mr Robert Adley (Caristchurch and Lymington, C) asked Mrs Thatcher—Will she deplore the rabble rousing partnership which was at work resterday between Mr Arthur Scargill and the Deputy Leacer of the Labour Party—(Con-servative cheers.)—almed at destroying respect for the rule of law and the rights law and the r rights of majorities in

Will she assure us that the Gov-ernment's legislative proposals will provide adequate protection provide adaquate against secondary picketing, black-

Alrs Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Almost all trade unionists would agree that the law must be upheld. I believe most MPs do. too. I am glad the president and general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation took

no civilization without that.
The Secretary of State for Employment (Mr James Prior) has indicated that he would be considering, when we knew the decision on McShane, if further provisions would be brought forward in committee on the Employment Bill. He is actively considering that. But it would seem the law is far from clear.

Mr Barry Jones (East Flint, Lab)—Would she consider telling her backbenchers that if they stonped their hyenalike remarks, we might be able to get the strike settled? Mrs Thatcher—It is rather signifi-cent that he regards the uphoiding of the law in that way. We do not. Mr. John Morris (Aberaton, Lab)—How long does she intend to maintain the Government's posture of nonintersention in the steel

of non-intervention in the steel strike? There is bitter EEC criticism today of the Government's proposals for the rundown, on numbers, the speed and the fact that there has been no application for aid.

Mrs Thatcher—I saw, and heard on the early morning news, the criticisms by Commissioner Vredeling. He seemed to indicate that we had not applied for aid from Europe.

In fact, since 1973 there have been 100 such applications. On December 12 the Department of Industry informed. Commission officials of the British Steel Corporation's proposals for redundant. poration's proposals for redundan-cles in 1980-81. The Commission has decided that £7.7m should be allocated for Shotton. The allocation was signed by Commissioner Vredeling. (Laughter.)

Will she publish a White Paper on her negotiations on the matter with the EEC, and her responses to the criticisms being ventilated?

Mrs Thatcher—I saw, and heard on

(Laughter.)
Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C)
during earlier exchanges, asked—
Has she seen the report in a Sunday dewspaper from a shop steward in the steel industry complaining of violent intimidation on himself, his wife and children, all
because he wants a voice in what is
happening?

lation and make sure that this is dealt with? Mrs Teatcher—Any violent intimi-dation or intimidation of any kind should be totally and utterly con-demned by everyone in this House. Violent intimidation should be dealt with by the criminal law. The difficulty is to get evidence,

because there is not the slightest shadow of doubt that some of these people are frightened. Mr Michael Brown (Brigg and sought an emergency debate on a document which, he said, had reached him at lunch time, urging steelworkers in his constituency to

Mr Brown said that the circular had been received by reluctant strikers and it had said that one day the strike would be over and they would not want there to be unpleasantness.

self, his wife and children, all following the recent judgment, because he wants a voice in what is happening?

Will she look at industrial legis
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Speaker to remain in office

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas) said that he hoped to remain ju

Replying, amid cheers, to birth day greetings which had been accorded to him during question time on the occasion of his 71st birthday anniversary, Mr Thomas said. In view of the article in The Times newspaper today, it is in the interest of the House for me to make a brief statement to end speculation about my intentions for the future.

House did me the honour of elect-ing me Sneaker for the life of this Parllament. It is a trust which I hope to fulfil. (Cheers.) do not wish to tempt Prov-

idence—(Laughter)—but I am feeling as fit as when I assumed the Chair and, therefore, my Intention is to continue to serve this House for this Parllament as it invited me to do eight months ago.

Animal welfare a subject for public Bill The Speaker (Mr George Thomas

ruled that the Portsmouth City Council Bill should be introduced as a public Bill. The ruling came after successful objections by MPs to the formal motion for its second He said that on February 8, 1939, the then Speaker had ruled that Bills which had been allowed to

proceed as private Bills had never raised questions other than of a practical local nature. The Portsmouth City Council Bill would affect other ports in the country and it also raised the ques

tion of public policy with regard to the export of live animals. The following private Bills received an unopposed second reading: British Railways (Castlefield); British Transport Docks; Clifton Suspension Bridge: Fal-mouth Container Terminal: Scot-tish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society; Standard Life Assurance Company; United Reformed Church (Lion Walk Colchester); and the Wesley's Chapel, City Road.

Nobody to be forced to have social security benefits paid into bank

Nobody would be forced to have social benefits payments paid directly to a bank account, Mrs Lyrda Chalker, Under Secretary for Health and Social Security, said during questions.

Mrs Chalker (Wallasey, C) said that as part of the Government's campaign to improve efficiency, an examination had been made of the arrangements for paying social

arrangements for paying social security benefits, including the fre-quency of payments and whether the public should be able to choose payment of their benefits direct into a bank account. Changing those arrangements offered scope for saving taxpayers' money by reducing administrative

costs.
The Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr Patrick Jenkin) was considering a study team's report on those arrangements in conjunc-tion with Sir Derek Rayner. Ary changes emerging from that study would be made only after the most into in great detail. careful consideration of the social Mr Stanley Orme, c and other consequences and after proper consultation. Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood

Extra 10p on child benefit costs £60m a year

The Government stood charged with an act of social vandalism by their failure to increase the level

of child benefit, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said. He had been informed by Mrs

Lynda Chalker, Under Secretary for Health and Social Security

(Wallasey, C), that an announce-ment of the level of benefit would

Mr Rooker (Birmingham, Perry Barr, Lab)—It is clear that the value of child benefit is going to fall below the combined value of family allowances and tax allow-

ances. What has happened to the Secretary of State's promise in July 1977 that child benefits will be

treated the same way as direct tax

When are the Secretary of State (Mr Patrick Jenkin) and ministers at the Department of Health and Social Security going to stop operating as moles on behalf of the

be made at the appropriate time.

that benefits should be paid in that way is something to be carefully way is something to be carefully investigated before proceeding.

Mrs Lynda Chalker—Nobody will be forced to have their payments made direct to a bank. We want to ensure they will be able to receive their supplementary payments weekly and through Post Offices if they wish

look forward, as many other countries have done before us, to paying directly into a bank account where that is desired by the people concerned and make sure there is a choice and also that we help those families who have difficulty in budgeting funds on a weekly basis. There has been a great increase in the number of people taking on bank accounts. There has been a lot of erroneous comment about sub-Post Offices. This is not compulsion. The matter will be gone

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on the social services (Salford, West, Lab)—There are Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—To pay pensions and other benefits less frequently than at the moment could conceivably cause a great deal of hardship As many of them are unlikely to

This Government stands charged with an act of unparalleled elec-toral betrayal and social vandalism

against millions of people and it has been seen through. (Renewed Labour cheers.)

Mrs Chalker-The House has been

Mrs Chalker—The House has been made aware on a number of occasions that the Government considered that with so many other competing claims, a general increase in November last year could not be justified. (Labour protests.) We fully appreciate the value of the child benefit, particularly for worlding families.

false comments that have been heard in recent weeks. It is impor-tant that a mother should be able to receive, as of right, child bene-fit. I have taken these points fully into account. Mr Peter Tansell (Horncastle, C)-Is she aware of the importance in rural areas, socially, of the sub-

Post Office, which perhaps alone keeps the village shop going at a time when so many facilities have been withdrawn? Mrs Chaiker-We are well aware of the importance of sub-Post Offices to local rural and suburban communities, particularly in rural areas where it is the only shop. I

am considering this with other Mr Albert Stallard (Camden, St Pancras North, Lab)—How much cau be saved?

Mrs Chalker-No definite savings can yet be spoken of. Administra-tive costs saved may reach as much as £50m a year but a more modest figure may be reached by simpli-fication and, £35m may be saved to the taxpayer. Administrative costs are increasing all the time. Money payable should be paid in benefits, not in administrative charges.

to an uprating in the child benefit allowance? Mrs Chalker—I do not intend to

wear any strange clothes in this House. The value of child benefit

at the present time is higher than it was at any time way back to

Mr Paul Dean (North Somerset, C)—While recognizing the deplorably weak economy the Government has inherited after many years of Labour rule, will the minister aim to review child benefit along with the other benefits at the annual

reviewing help towards fuel bills

the covernment would announce to results of its review on heating allowances to the needy long before next winter, Mr Pairick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services said.

Mr Jenkin (Redbridge, Wanstean and Woodford, C) said that it has already been announced that the Government were reviewing the whole range of help available to white range of neip available in assist needy consumers, including lone parents, with their fuel bills. The supplementary beating addi-tious were increased last November and were due to be increased in November this year.

Mr John Evans (Newton, Lab)— Unless there is a substantial in-crease in the heating allowance to take account of the appalling level of inflation and the disgraceful gas and electricity prices the Gov-erment has imposed, there is a dauger that an increasing number of old people will die of hypother-

Mr Jenkin—The supplementary fuel hearing allowance and the hearing additions are operated on the basis of increases in the fuel component of the retail price index and take into account expected future price increases. That is a realonable way to deal with it.

ard of living of poor people. It can only be justified if there are major compensatory payments Mr Jenkin—The Government has given a clear promise to bring forward further proposals— (Labour cries of "When")—to

give special help to those on low incomes, including the elderly, to meet their fuel bills. meet their fuel bills.

Mr Pani Dean (North Somerset, C)—Will he press ahead as fast as possible with the review in view of the understandable anxieties among the elderly and disabled and other needy groups about the ineritable—for which the Government are not to blame—escalating fuel costs?

Mr Jenkin—I recognize those anxieties. The price increases

fuel costs?

Mr Jenkin—I recognize those anxieties. The price increases which will begin to take effect in April will not be reflected in consumers' bills until three months

The economic impact will not be felt until this winter. We intend to amounce the result of our review long before then. Mr Reginald Freeson, for the Opposition (Brent, East, Lab)— Something must be done as quickly as possible to establish some kind of fuel allowance or fuel rebate scheme. It is possible for the Gov-ernment to come open on this and mot have a private review.

Mr Jenkin—Any question of a major new comprehensive fuel scheme is something which could not be contemplated at present because of the inevitable administrative recognition awar from the

ful help to those who are in the greatest need and who would be hit the hardest by fuel price increase. I hope to announce the results of our review long before next

trative restraints, apart from the

Parish council

Mr Keith Stainton (Sudbury and Woodbridge, C) asked if the Home Secretary would examine the possihility that smaller parishes might organize their parish council elecsystem than was currently possible and report to the House on any implications for electoral law at an implications for electoral law at an early date.

Mr Leon Brittan, Minister of State, State, in a written reply said—
This proposal is being sympathetically considered as part of our general review of electoral law and procedures.

Government's job is to get on top of inflation and make sure money retains its value.

Mr Stanley Orme, chief Opposition spokesman on social services (Sal-ford, West, Lab)—What is the

Government going to do to help millions of working families? (Labour cheers.) Child benefit is a direct incentive to the working family and the Government has let them down. She is cheating the

Mrs Chalker-I cannot accept that

families.

Mr Frank Booley (Sheffield, Heeley, Lab)—The massive tax on gas by the Government is equivalent to the medieval salt tax and will have a considerable effect on the stand-

tricity discount scheme.

tricity discount scheme.

It should introduce a comprehensive scheme for next winter which would cover not just gas and electricity, but also paraffin and oil.

The cost of the scheme could not start at less than £100m and it should be a great deal more than it was. That needed to be faced. If energy prices were going to be increased the logic of the decision was that part of the profit that would accrue to those industries had to be turned back to finance a comprehensive scheme to belp people in need.

It must cover the two winter

At a time when loflation was spiralling up from 17 per cent, the figure of 29 per cent was too high. At least it should have been at the current rate of inflation.

We recognize the said that there is a need for an increase.

motion read:
"That this House recognizes
the inevitable need for domestic
gas prices to rise, bearing in mind
that no profit is now made on that no profit is now made on domestic gas sales, while industry goes short of gas; welcomes the Government's determination not to evade or disguise economic reali-ties; and believes that the Govern-ment's estated intention to review ment's stated intention to review the whole range of fuel assistance offers much the best basis for help-ing the old and those in need in

Government | Wasteful and counter-productive to keep gas prices at present level

He was moving a motion "con-demning the Government's savage increase in gas prices over the next three years which would hit ordinary families and have a devastating effect on the cost of living". It called for a compre-hensive scheme to protect the most vulnerable sections of the community from the inflationary most vanueratie sections of the community from the inflationary effects of high fuel prices.

Dr Owen (Piymouth, Devouport, Lab) said a year ago inflation was running at 8 per cent. Now it was more than 17 per cent and by the spring it would be 20 per cent. Of the current 17 per cent inflation the current 17 per cent inflation 8.5 per cent had been introduced by specific decisions of the Gov-

ernment.

Britain (he said) cannot confinue with inflation rates such as this. Domestic fuel bills on average will be up next year by £28 and for the two winter quarters it will be nearer to £20.

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The Government was putting up prices against the commercial judgment of the corporation, an extraordinary situation for the Conservatives who spent their whole time demanding that commercial judgments should be accepted.

The main criticism of the Government was that on their overall grounds of conservation they underestimated the importance of gas.

Gas was a far better way to heat a home compared to electricity where 70 per cent of the energy went up the chimney in waste.

By using prices as a means of

waste.

By using prices as a means of conservation the Government was hitting young families, the elderly, and disabled who had heating bills for 24 hours a day.

The Government said it had a review in hand to see what could be done to help poorer families. That was a bit rick coming from the Government who last year made a public expenditure cut of about £30m by scrapping the electricity discount scheme.

It must cover the two winter quarters and be paid either in cash or through fuel stamps, provided fuel stamps were available

vided fuel stamps were available to all energy consumers as a method of saving and budgeting for fuel bills.

The House would judge Mr Howell and the Conservative Party savagely if all he produced for next winter was some little addition to the already mean-minded scheme produced by the Secretary of State for Social Services.

Increases would have to come. He was not shirking that. He criticized the rate and pace of the increases, which the Price Comission had said should be phased. At a time when inflation was

there is a need for an increase.
Our indictment is over the savage
and callous nature of the increase. Mr David Howeli, Secretary of State for Energy (Guildford, C)

an era of high energy costs."

He said that his decision setting three-year financial targets for the National east and electricity industries was unpleasant and difficult. Decisions was an improv

with the part of the increase would be brought in on April 1, and it would have been dishonest not to have given consumers full

Much of the strong feeling from Labour MPs arose from people who relied on gas being cheap and were not told by past Governments what they should have been told—that prices would have to rise substantially in the years ahead. People were misled and it was time the misleading had to stop. The cost of new gas had soured. In the current financial tear the domestic sector—domestic sales—would barely break great it would not be until rowards the

would not be until rowards the end of the three-year target period that the domestic market would be making a reasonable contribution, again.

As Britain ran down its reserves of gas, it would have to replace them with higher cost supplies from deeper, more distant northern waters and imports; from Norway and maybe elsewhere.

Following last year's oil price increases and supply uncertainties there was a huge surge in the demand for gas. At present about 70,000 domestic consumers and 4,000 firms were all waiting; ho 1.000 firms were all waiting to

The pressures were so great that. British Gas had to ration the provision of new supplies almost entirely to those who had a statutory right to be connected because they were within 25 yards of a gas main. This put industry at a disadvantage compared with the domestic consumer.

domestic consumer.

The Secretary of State for Industry (Sir Keith Joseph) and he had received frequent and many complaints from firms waiting to build new factories or undertaking other new developments but who could not get a gas supply. That could not a satisfactory situation. We think (he said) that the sooner industry gets the gas it is ready to pay for the better for us in the future and the better for the economic health of the country.

British Gas were making big profits—£350m last year—and this would increase substantially over the target period, although in this year there would be virtually no profit from domestic sales.

There were compelling energy no profit from domestic sales.

There were compelling energy policy reasons for increased gas prices. It was also the case that the increased profits that would result from higher prices would make an important contribution to the Government's central objective of holding down the public sector borrowing requirement.

There had been suggestions for

There had been suggestions for a gas tax and this was something the Government had to look at. Whether British Gas profits were left in their own name or taken off them through a tax, the effects for the PSBR were exactly the The April increase in gas prices would add 0.25 per cent to the

would add 0.25 per cent to the going rate of inflation and the October increase an additional 0.16, both spread over the sub-U.16, bom spread over the Sub-sequent three mouths.

The truth was that for the
British Gas Corporation to hold
prices at current levels for all domestic gas consumers was the worst possible, most wasteful and totally counter-productive way of trying to help those for whom rising fuel costs meant real hard-ship. Instead of trying to protect everyone it was far more sensible to identify people who needed help directly.

He was sure that the motives behind the last Government's scheme were excellent, but it had been a classic example of trying to help everybody and hardly At least the current benefit was worth 550 in a year, seven times the average help from the electricity discount scheme and big enough to make a substantial dent country in the winter quarter's fuel bill the 1990 for those in greatest hardship. The National Gas Consumer Council had rightly said that it was an improvement on the pre-

The central core of the Labour Party's indictment of the Government will be disregard for the consequences of inflation on most families. Dr David Gwen. Chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said.

He was moving a motion "condemning the Government's savage of the consequences of inflation on most families, Dr David Gwen. The corporation had agreed to those targets. They intended to implement them, and that was condemning the Government's savage of the more difficult to the more difficult to the would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be fully publicated.

The corporation had agreed to include the proposals would be announced in good time for people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time to people to plan how they could manage next winter. The proposals would be announced in good time.

Dr Dickson Mabon (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab) said the pro-

possi was economic nonsense. It was an exercise on behalf of the Treasury to try to meet the innense challenge the Tory Party had set itself of massively cutting public spending in a short space of This industry (he said) is being subverted to first end.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 305 votes to 252—Government majority, 33, and the Government amendment agreed to

CRI agreed to ermient amendment agreed to.
Mr John Hannam (Exeter, C) said
it was necessary to examine a new
system which increased rather than
reduced the charge for higher consumption, To introduce a new system combined with a new drive to
insulate many of the older properties in which the elderly and poor
lived would be really to get to
grips with the problem as a whole. grips with the problem as a whole. Mr Peter Emery (Houston, C) said the presentation of the new gas prices which would be necessary to obtain the BGC's new financial objective could hardly be described as an outstanding success. His worry was that the Government had failed to convince the public of the watches for its policy.

Bir David Penhaligon (Truro, L) sald he could not concede that Britain must automatically and totally follow world demand prices for energy.

Mr William Waldegrave (Bristol, West. C) said that it was irresponsible to try to pretend that there was any way out of expensive energy. Those who, when asked by their children what they did in the lenergy war, would have a feeble answer if they said. "I kept down the price of gas so that it ran cut more quickly."

Mr Arthur Palmer (Bristol, North-West, Esb) said the responsibility for optorecting and caring for the lass fortunate must be for the com-munity as a whole and not for the mainty as a whole and not for the gas industry. The Government had behaved badly. The economics were inescapable, but at a time when everything else was rising in price; steeply, these increases should have been phased in more traduilly.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens (Huddersfield, West, C) said many people with good oil or coal fire burners switched their heating to eas on

syitched their heating to eas on the strength of the availability of cheap gas. No one disputed that gas prices had to go up. But why so savagdy?

The British Gas Corporation in its advertising had been less than honest, because the person at home could not expect to know that United Kingdow shelves were running dry rapidly, and that Britain was already having to buy gas from Nolway.

Mr Joseph Ashton, an Opposition spokesman on energy (Bassetlaw, Lab), said that behind this was the grasping band of the Tressuy. Taey were talking not of a licence to print money but a licence to mint gold. That was the size of the industry and the enormous level of

profits.

Mr Norman Lambnt. Under Secretary for Evergy (Kingston upon Thames, C); said even after these increases gas would still be far and away the most attractive and best buy for the consumer. The latest figures on the costs of heating a ture-bedroomed house showed that the annual bill with oil was £272; with electricity, £253; coal. After three years of real increases of 10 per cept above the rate of inflation, gas would still be

cheaper than any other fuel, cheaper even than coal, by a distinct margin. Mr Lamont—The Government are not intending to denationalize the British Gas Corporation, (A Con-servative MP: "Why not?") For him to suggest that is to fall back

on his great talents as a novelist. It is a work of pure fiction.

All the best estimates were that supplies of oil and gas in this country would be running down in the 1990s. It would be folly for this country at this time of all times. country at this time of all times with all its problems to waste and burn up one of the few advantages

Education Bill guillotine a virility symbol for Labour—Minister

The Opposition was determined to get a timetable motion on the Education Bill from the start of its committee stage. Mr Mark Carcommittee stage. Mr what Cartiste, Secretary of State for Education and Science (Runcorn, C) said
when moving the guillotine motion
providing that the committee stage
should end by February 4 and the
report and third reading be completted in two sittings of the House

Any uprating is expensive and an extra 10p costs 500m a year. The mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Plearly in time to increase benefits is when all social security benefits are uprated.

Mr David Stoddart (Swindon, Lab)—Will the minister go away, hang her head in shame and put on sackcloth and ashes for the way this Government has let down and is the benefit second the description of the control Mr Carlisle said timetable motions invariably caused indignation in an opposition but on this occasion any such indignation could not be more such indigitation could not be more synthetic or unjustified. The Bill, which had 37 clauses, had already been in committee for 82 hours and it was clear from the outset the Opposition were determined to get a timetable motion. They had brought this motion on themselves. It seemed that Mr Neil Kinnock It seemed that Mr Neil Klunock, the chief Opposition spokesman on education, looked upon the achievement of a guillotine motion as some form of virility symbol. From the start of the committee stage, he was determined to have a guillotine debate believing that it would enable him to make some flamblement. would enaute thin to make some flamboyant, hysterical speech rather than busying himself with detailed discussion of the Bill.

This was an important and urgent Bill.

The need for the Bill was clear. If local education authorities were achieve the savings which the

to achieve the savings which the Government was looking for in the coming financial year it was necessary for this provision dealing with meals and transport to be on the statute book before the commencement of the financial year and the beginning of the semivear and the beginning of the sum-The Government was committed

out of the present subsidy for meals, milk and transport. It was necessary that local authorities should be free to charge for trans-Mr Neil Kinnock, chief Opposition

Mr Neil Aimnock, ther Opposition, spokesman on education (Bedwellty, Lab) said that Mr Carlisle was complaing about the virility of the Opposition. Comparison with the 1978 Bill exposed the inadequacy of the then opposition and the way in which it was too tired, lazy or misinformed to fulfil its positions and the comparison of the com parliamentary duties of scrutiny.

The guillotine fell tonight on clauses that referred to school milk, meals and transport in England, Scotland and Wales. These meant a tax on parenthood. meant a tax on parenthood.

They were supposed to give freedom to local authorities, Whatever local authorities under Tory control may have wanted before May 3, against a background of cuts, economic depression and other calls on their finances, they did not want those clauses now. That was a freedom they did not want. Mr William Van Stranbenzee (Wokingham, C) said the time would come when the House would regard this kind of ritualistic dance

as an anachronism. There were a considerable number of new MPs on both sides who were fed up with the present system and believed that the way the committee proceedings was conducted was an outrage on com-monsense and examination of legislation. Mr John Farr (Harborough, C)

said he hoped this timetable motion would not prevent proper discussion of what amounted to the heart and soul of the Bill. To many to reductions in education expend-iture in 1980-81 of £280m, of which over £200m would have to be found port were vitally important. MPs the clauses relating respec-tively to school meals and trans-

tion policy was being attempted in this Bill. Major burdens were to be placed on many families up and down the country. It would have been far better in the Govern-ment's own interests if it had been pent's own interests if it had been prepared to allow a longer discus-sion and debate.

The Bill might be described better perhaps as the Free School Transport (Abolition) Bill. me Poverty Trap (Extention) Bill or the Hit the Children First Bill. Any of these titles would be more appo-Mr Norman St John-Stevas, Chapcellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Leader of the House (Chelma-ford, C), said that under the Gov-

ernment proposals a local educa-don authority would continue to be able to help parents with arrangements for getting their children to school. It was not the Government's in-tention to do anything which could be regarded as discriminating against families whose children attended church schools as a matter of religious conviction.

the of religious conviction.

The Secretary of State (Mr Carlise) would consider moving an amendment at the report stage if he thought it necessary to ensure that there was no discrimination against children attending denominational schools. The Government did not expect any change to the system in practice.

Cuillotines were a necessary cit. No Government should resort to one lightly and they should be implemented where a case had been proved.

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The motion was carried by 304 majority, 49.

Cancellation of Red Army chair visit

The Government's general advice on the subject of visiting the sored tour. They were looking to sored tour. They were looking to the Government for directives on the subject of the fine being, Mrs Clement Frend (Isle of Ely, L) ad asked her to bear in mind the situation of the English Chamber Orchestra, under the patronage of Prince Charles, who were due to leave for Moscow in five weeks."

The Government's general advice is time on a British Council-sponsored in sored tour. They were looking to the five directives on the Government for directives on the five directives on the Sored tour. They were looking to the five directives on the Sored tour. They were looking to the five directives on the Sored tour. They were looking to the five directives on the Sored tour. They were looking to the five looking to the five looking to the five looking to a written question from Mr Warren Howksley (The Wrekin. C) asking if the Home Secretary would refuse visas to members of the Red Army Choir due to visit Britain in May, Mr Timohy Raison, Minister of State. Home Office (Aylesbury, C), said the Rissians had been to dithet the Corement expected them to cancel the four. He did not, therefore, as a way of making the protest we

Power to take fingerprints of suspects

House of Lords
Wherever the balance between police powers and the rights of the individual had been tipped in the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill, it had been tipped in favour of additional police powers, Lord Foot (L) said in some general remarks at the begint and of the Bill's committee state. mittee stage.

Each time that balance had been tipped against the safeguards which the Thomson Committee on Criminal Procedure in Scotland thought nelessary and essential, he said. This was a matter for considerable concern. He acknowledged that in some

respects police powers in Scotland were less than they ought to be. It was necessary that certain addi-tional powers be given in order to enable the police to interrogate people still in the suspect stage but Lord Foot moved an amendment to remove potential witnesses from the scope of the Bill which pro-vided for a policeman to stop a

suspect or potential suspect on the street long enough to ask about a suspected offence to establish and, if possible without unreasonable delay, verify the address of the suspect or witness. Lord Wigoder (L) said there was no such provision in English law and never had been. Although

the English police were not slow to claim additional powers, this was one they had not been active claiming.
What had gone wrong in Scotthought that Scotsmen were below standard in the sense of moral obligations when it came to helping the police in their inquiries?

The Earl of Mansfield, Minister of State, Scottish Office, said that for years the police had been trying to clear up crimes and offences with one hand tied behind their back. He readily conceded that to get a balance between a police force which was able to go about its duties in a reasonable way, and the liberties and freedom of the indi-vidual, was by no means easy.

Although it might be undesirable to subject a potential witness to the same compulsion as a suspect faced, a potential witness should reasonably be required to give his name and address to a policeman. He had a moral duty to do this if he was in a position to I would like to take the matter

away (he said) and possibly re-design the provision to permit a constable to require a witness to give his name and address, but not to require him to remain in the constable's presence. I hope such a change would prove acceptable. The question of a sanction in the case of a totally uncooperative witness deserved more thought. Lord Foot (L) moved an amend-ment to Clause 2 (Detention and

questioning at police station) to require that when a constable took

suspect into detention he had to

report the circumstances immediately to the officer in charge at police station who would decide whether continued detention was justified. He said the clause created an entirely novel procedure both in Scotland and for England and Wales whereby a person suspected of having committed an offence might be taken into detention, which was something short of

arrest, and detained for six bours and possibly more, to be interro-gated meanwhile with polica powers to search and take fingerprints.
This was a departure from the

recommendations of the Thomson committee. Through his amend-ment he was putting back into the Bill the recommendation made by the Thomson committee as one of the safeguards for a person taken into custody. Lord Mansfield said he had som sympathy with the intention of the amendment, particularly as it was on the recommendation of the Thomson Committee. He would have thought this procedure was standard police practice.

It was envised that in practice.

It was envisaged that in practice the constable responsible for detaining a suspect would in the octating a suspect women in the majority of cases consult with the officer in charge on arrival at the police station as to whether the circumstances justified continued detention of the suspect.

He would look at the matter to the whether a cuttable provision

see whether a suitable provision should be added to the Bill. The amendment was withdrawn.
During later debate, the Earl of
Mansfield said that the Government at a later stage would table admendments to prohibit detention in respect of the same suspected offence or any offence suspected to arise out of the same circum-

stances The House rejected by 108 votes to 57-Government majority, 51, an amendment designed to remove the power of police to take finger-prints and other prints duing the suspect was period when a suspect detained at the police station. Lord McCluskey said that to take the fingerprints of a mere suspect

was to go too far. There was a proviso that if a decision was taken not to prosecute, the fingerprims of the person concerned would be destroyed. Who was going to supervise the destruction and what sanctions were there if the police did not carry out this duty? The police had intelligence files on which they recorded all kinds of information which was not in law evidence, such as gossip, anonymous telephone calls and so on. He knew of this because he had seen them. The Earl of Mansfield said the Government considered this power

was necessary and justified in view of the assistance it gave to a police investigation. The power would benefit people who had wrongly fallen under suspicton since it would furnish con-vincing proof of their innocence more quickly than might otherwise have been possible.

In almost any police activity if the police wished to cheat, to break the law, they could and would do so. The rights of the suspect in such circumstances lay both in civil action and the police disciplinary machinery. The committee stage was

The House adjourned, 10.41 pm.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.50: National Heritage Bill, remaining stages. Regulations on pro-rision on milk and mests. House of Lords

TV programme on Russia a matter for BBC The BBC programme, Russian-Lan-

The BBC programme, Russian-Language and Feople, portrayed the
Soviet Union in such a favourable
light that it actually extolled the
ritmes of communism, the Earl of
Kimberley (C) complained
As a result (he continued) the
broedcasts belp persuade certain
people to support the Olympic
Games in Moscow, it is time the
whole country supported Mrs. Games in Moscow. It is time the whole country supported Mrs Thatcher and President Carter Lord Belstead, Under-Secretary, Home Office, had confirmed that the Treasury had not made special moneys available to the BBC for teaching the Russian language on television. I have not (he said) seen the programme to which he is referring. The BBC has editorial responsibility for the content of its programmes within the general

rules prescribed by its charter and licence agreement. In the exercise of this responsibility the BBC acknowledges the duty to treat controversial subjects with due impartia-In this case the BBC decided to proceed with the series entitled Russian-Language and People. But the BBC is reported to have shelved another series entitled Journey through Russia. I am certain these are matters for the BBC and not for the Government.

Lord Segal (Lab)—Can he confirm that these programmes were decided upon prior to the Russian invasion of Afgitanistan? lavasion of Afghanistan?

Lord Belstead—I understand from
the newspaper reports that these
programmes were filmed and
planned long before the Afghani-

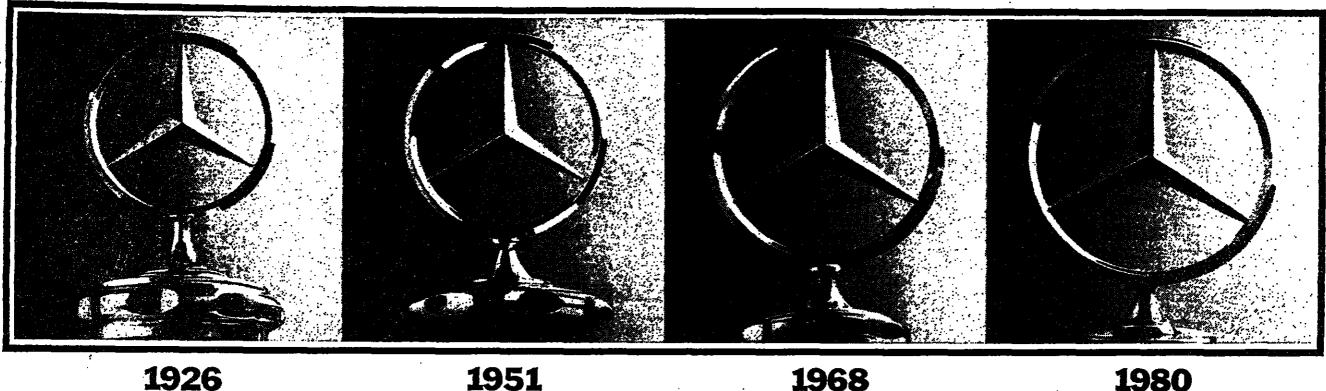
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OVER THE YEARS, MERCEDES-BENZ HAVE MADE SOME CHANGES TO THEIR ORIGINAL DESIGN.



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Car design may have undergone some changes over the years, but the star on a Mercedes-Benz has never followed short-lived fashions.

Ever since 1926, the star has represented the ambitions of the two men who invented the car.

Gottlieb Daimler and Karl Benz who forty years before had, unknown to each other, both proved that high-speed petrol engines were capable of powering road vehicles.

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The name Mercedes belonged to the daughter of the then Austro-Hungarian consul-general who entered his 23 h.p. Daimler in a race which he easily won.

Many more racing successes followed and the name Mercedes very soon became established as the name for all Daimler cars.

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Racing competitions tested the vehicles' speed 1951 and overall performance,

rallies tested construction and endurance over long distances.

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Since 1926, when the firms of Daimler and Benz joined together, their aims have gradually been fulfilled.

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In 1951, for example, **Mercedes-Benz were the** first to design the safety cell, a rigid compartment with collapsible crumple zones at the front and rear of the car.

The combination of passive safety with active safety is, in itself, a symbol of Mercedes-Benz.

1980

Passive safety helps to avoid injuries in the event of an accident, and active safety gives the driver all possible help to avoid just that sort of situation in the first place.

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Why Labour cannot build a platform based only on the views of a hundred thousand of its members

This serious challenge Labour must fight

The growth in the strength and influence of the philosophical right worldwide over the last few years has been made easier by the philosophical exhaustion of the left. In Britain this has had important and foreseeable electoral consequences.

It was Richard Titmus in a book on the blood transfusion market. The Gift Relationship, who drew attention for the need to restore the principle of altruism to its primary role in the theory and practise of socialism. In speeches and writings on social policy and human rights during the 70s I warned repeatedly of the dangers of neglecting the conserting alternistic philosophical base of the Labour Party's appeal.

Party's appeal.

One of the crucial ingredients of Mrs Thatcher's victory was the prior change in the political climate that resulted from a sustained philosophical championing of the values of thrift, self reliance and personal initiative. The change was also helped by a skilfully conducted campaign to discredit the ideals of socialism, identifying the socialism, identifying the Labour government with bureaucratic statist insensitivity and the stifling of individual liberty.

The Labour government became defensive and cautious and the unattractive aspects of the new Conservatism were masked. Particularly in the south those parts of the electorate that might normally have reacted against the new Conservatism's naked support for interest, exploitation of racialism, advocacy of in-equality and insensitivity to unemployment, either ignored these aspects of policy or rated them of less importance than

The events of January and February, 1979, greatly helped in this reordering of priorities, powerfully reinforcing the right's critique. It also damaged the Labour Party's hitherto unchallengeable role as the most concerned and compassionate party. It is hard to underestimate the damage that those two months did to the image of the whole Labour movement.

The serious challenge to the Labour Party in the 1980s is to reestablish its historic identification with social responsibility. cation with social responsibility, social cooperation and social morality. To rediscover, re-assert and redefine the role of fraternity in the balance between liberty and equality. If the Labour Party allows the strand of fraternity and cooperation to be weakened and to become identified with sectionalism then it will no



Dr David Owen: the task is to develop a philosophy for the 80s, to revive cooperation and fraternity in the party.

nger appear to stand for the development of a cooperative, neighbourly and altruistic society. Without a credible alternative nothing will stop the Thatcher experiment domi-nating the 1980s and the emer-gence of an individualistic uncooperative, isolated, selfish

The Conservative Government with an identifiable philo-sophy and favourable political climate will use all the power and influence of office to main-tain this public mood. Despite the economic and political trauma that lies ahead with inflation, unemployment and by-election defeats for the Conservative Government it is not inevitable that the next election will take place in a political climate sympathetic to socialist ideals. To win an election the political climate of the time matters as much as detailed policies.

Between now and 1983 or 1984, a year which has already emotive Orwellian imagery attached to it, there will be persistent attempts to associate the Labour Party with envious authoritarian, insensitive bureaucratic control. To depict it as the advocate of all per-vading state power, impersonal national institutions and as being dominated by the trade

A political party, unlike a society or a group, must seek and hold the support of millions outside its ranks. It cannot build itself a platform based only on the views of a hundred thousand or less of its mem-bers. It is no accident that the Labour Party appears to be less identified now with the historic revolutionary cry of fraternity It has allowed its

commitment to collective action and thinking on occasions to become identified with sectional interest. It has not challenged vigorously enough the minority within the party and the trade unions who are contemptuous of concensus and scornful of of concensus and scornful of compromise and moderation.
As a consequence, those who see virtue in seeking out agreement and widening support are all to frequently attacked by the left on the present National Executive Countil for advantagement of the control of the countil for advantagement of the countil for a countil for

cil for advocating middle of the road concensus policies. The essence of the 1974 manifesto was on the reestablishment of greater national cohesion. Now it is argued the days of the postwar concensus are over, that we should throw the framework of post war Britain and replace the extremism of Mrs Thatcher on the right with a polarized ex-tremism of the left. The left on the NEC talk now of a political crossroad, of

breaking the post-war consensus. But if this means sus. But if this means embracing a philosophy of increased centralization and statism it will further weaken the Labour Party's identification with a fraternal society image. The task instead is to reshape the current political climate and develop a philosophy for the 1980s that revives the strand of fraternity and cooperation within the

Labour Party. The depressing new finding on class immobility in Britain clearly demonstrates the need for radical changes. But the deep-rooted resistance to change from interest groups demand, primarily, changes in

At present there is a grow-

ing wish to question among socialists the role of the allpowerful state, to advocate a greater degree of decentralization and local democratic control. I am very sympathetic to this reorientation; ergued for it in relation to devolution for Scotland, advocated local

autonomy for the health service and championed local govern-ment. If local government is to mean anything it must be free to make local political decisions which will run against national policy whether of a Conservative or Labour govern-It is now the Conservative Government which is restrict-ing local government freedom.

Over finance and housing policy they are today's central-izers. The philosophical and practical response for the Labour Party should be to re-examine Layfield's recom-mendations for local income tax and promote cooperative housing both in the municipal and private sector.

We are all coming to recognize that past levels of economic growth will not return. Some argue for a low growth strategy because of the finite nature of resources. Others still pursue high growth but argue over whether market forces or pubwhether market roces or public ownership generate greater economic wealth. In marked contrast there has been very little questioning of the social limits of growth, or of the extent to which a commitment to the market ethos breeds attitudes of materialism and selfishness that then feed inflationary pressures and sectional-

In tackling inflationary wage bargaining and the need for an incomes policy again we have adopted too centralized an approach. Free collective bar-gaining in the private and com-mercial public sector and real-istic comparability from one body covering all the public services may be a better solu-tion

In short, the case is for matching the right with their cry of financial incentive, reduced tax and public expendi-ture, private control and wider shareholding, not with more drab centralist recipes but by reawakening interest in decentralized socialism and the old socialist ethos of social moral ity, the social wage, and co operative ownership.

The author is Labour MP for Plymouth, Devonport © Times Newspapers Ltd. 1980 A world tribunal to investigate the Shah could be the key

The election of Abolnassan Bani-Sadr as President of Iran could bring a quick solution to the problem of the American hostages, held prisoner in Tehran for nearly three months. The new president is known to be eager for an early settlement, and has not tried to dis-guise his differences with the militant students holding them. The central issue now is whether he will receive enough from Ayatollah to order their Khomeini release.

When Dr Waldheim, the UN Secretary General, came back from Iran earlier this month, he revealed that an international committee to investigate the violation of human rights under the Shah's regime would be part of his "package agreement' for freeing the Americans. For the past few weeks he has been extremely vague about just what form such a commission could take.

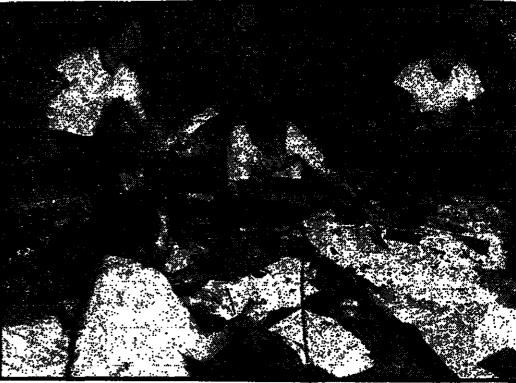
Now he has come out with a suggestion for a five man commission to inquire into Iran's grievances against the United States and the Shah, con-United States and the Shah, consisting of three representatives selected by governments, (possibly Algeria, Peru, Bangladesh and Pakistan) and two private citizens, M Louis-Edmond Petiti of France, and Mr Sean Macbride of Ireland, both known for their human rights activities. activities. The commission would make a brief visit to Iran and return with a report for the Security Council.

However, even if Mr Bani-Sadr endorses this plan, and he has not yet said he will, Dr Waldheim still faces a number of problems. The Iranian students may well consider that such a hasty inquiry will not give them the public hearing they want, and the US is insisting that the hostages are released at the same time as the formation of the tribunal is announced. Until now, Iran has insisted that the commission has to complete its work and gain approval before the Security Council before a single captive is freed.

What may have taken Dr Waldheim some time to come up with his specific proposal could be that he was looking at the welter of existing international bodies for a suitable tribunal, one that would both satisfy the Iranian demands, and by being in existence already, give less of an appear-ance that the UN can be made to yield to blackmail.

There is, for instance, the International Court of Justice in the Hague, or the European Commission for Human Rights in Strasburg, or even the Human Rights Committee in New York, whose specific job it is to monitor the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

But the International Court s only competent to deal with civil disputes between states (and in any case Iran, having refused to appear before it in December over the very quescedures under which it can hear



Fresh hope for an end to the hostages agony

would be curiously placed to seek its help now); the European Commission deals only with Europe; while the Human Rights Committee is excluded on the grounds that Iran did ratify the covenant but never the optional protocol that binds it, and what is more the committee is not empowered to investigate historical complaints. And the United Nations General Assembly, which could have set up an ad hoc committee of its own, has now come to the end of its session without basing done or

Under existing international law this leaves only the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, due to hold its 36th session in Geneva between February 4 and March 14. Being political rather than judicial (it was set up in 1945 to consider drafts and conventions dealing with human rights), it does not carry the authority of the committee. But its charter does fit present needs.

Iran is a member of the 43man commission and once a majority agreement is reached there is nothing to prevent the commission either examining immediately the accusations levelled against the Shah, or sending a team of rapporteurs to gather material on a "situa-tion which reveals a constant pattern of violation of human rights". (As it happens, the commission is to consider procases presented by a country to which has, since the complaint if was filed, changed its govern- pu ment.)

The main objection to the commission could well have been timing. The Iranian students clearly want their case heard now. The commission meets only once a year; were a rapporteur appointed his find-ings could well not be published until the middle of 1981.

Dr Waldheim's new proposa meets this objection: the students could have their case heard at once. And because he, and not a non governmental agency, would set it up, it would have the authority the Russell Peace Tribunal lacked. But as a tribunal it has only one precedent: the Nuremberg trials. These were held under the London agreement, signed on August 8, 1945, by the four allied powers and they had to include a charter for an inter-national military tribunal for the "trial of major war criminals whose offences had no particular location". than a year later a second but similar charter was signed for

By getting a tribunal to investigate the Shah's past the Iranian students are looking for one thing: a respectable worldwide endorsement of their belief that the Shah was engaged in corruption, illegal detention and torture. No one doubts that they have material

the trial of war criminals in the

if they so wished they could publish their evidence tomorrow,

But they wish to be heard, and only a respected international tribunal, whom no one could accuse of bias, can satisfy them. The difficulty lies precisely in that by agreeing to set up such a body of inquiry, the United Nations shows itse! to be susceptible to blackmail by a group of Iranian students, which is why the already existing commission could probably have handled the investigation better, had it been possible to arrange it that way.

Among the human rights organizations, however, there is a growing feeling that the world needs a permanent tribunal impartial respected and non political, before which the misdeeds of world leaders could be investigated, and which in time could become not just a watchdog for gross-violations of human rights, but a permanent deterrent.

But they agree that an instance like this, when the future of hostages is at stake. is probably not the moment at which one can be set up, and they recognize the enormous difficulty of persuading the factions of the world to agree to some enduring forum with real power and authority for passing international judgment on regimes, with more bite than passing world opinion.

Caroline Moorehead

Bernard Levin

As Punch said to Judy: the genius is missing Matrimonio Segreto (a delightful a La ci darem and Ah, fuggi il tradi- frightful consequences. I suppose

I saw Don Giovanni the other day, [for the first time in my life, and I it is, to be sure! A clumsy libretto tricked out with the shallowest music, it turns the mighty legend on which it is based into something not much loftier than Punch and Judy; composer and librertist have missed chance after chance. That aria, for instance, in which the Don's servant—something -ello, his name is—enumerates his master's conquests: it altogether lacks the sparkle that the theme which the Don turns the head of the peasant girl (her name, as I recall -I lost my programme—ends in ina), their duet is too insipid for words (or music, for that matter).
And the comic business that precedes the arrival of the statue in the middle of Giovanni's supper. let alone the frightful anticlimax afterwards, in which the survivors point the moral, is almost impossible to sit through. To think that this work received its first performance in 1787, when the music of the eighteenth century had reached levels of refinement and profundity that had rarely been touched before

again I No, no; from now on I shall pass by any opera-house when Don Giovanni is on the bill, knowing what an over-rated and disappointing work it is.

I have an uneasy feeling that some of you may have dropped dead in the course of that paragraph, so I had better say at once that the management of Times Newspapers Ltd can accept no responsibility for loss or damage, howsoever caused, and no agent or servant of the comthat condition in any circumstances. For the survivors, I must now reveal that the opera I am talking about is not Mozart's but Gazzaniga's, which was given two performances by Opera Viva last week, the first in this country, it seems; and a stranger musical experience I never expect to have.

The similarities between Gazza-niga's version and Mozart's are not due only to the fact that the legend follows certain well-marked paths; the libretto of the earlier version (its premiere preceded that of Mozart's by only eight months) was written by one Bertati, who also wrote the words for Cimarosa's Il

dentally, revived at Glyndebourne some years ago, but as far as I know nowhere in this country since), and Da Ponte, who was never much given to heeding the Prayer Book's plea to "keep my hands from picking and stealing", simply helped him-self to the entire plot, though since

be, too, was a genius, he clothed it in language that made it an instru-ment as fitting for Mozart to play as Mozart was for whatever or whomever was playing him. But the result was extraordinary: for a Mozartian it was similar to, but much more painful than, the experience of seeing Beaumarchais' The Marriage of Figure, in which the soul's ear aches beyond human endurance from the absence of the

music. The Gazzaniga Don Giovanni was worse precisely because there was music to accompany scenes that were intimately familiar. When the curtain went up and Lepor-that is, Pasquariello—began to sing Notte e giorno faticar to the wrong tune, it sounded weird enough, but as the evening went on, and item after item—the catalogue, Il mio tesoro, the invitation and its acceptance,

out transmogrified into something unterly unfamiliar, I began to go quietly mad, and were it not for the fact that the Gazzaniga version the fact that the Gazzaniga version omits the party scene altogether (imagine the Trio of the Masks sung to music other than Mozart's I), which enabled me to steady myself, I fear I would have ended the evening altogether unhinged. (At one point, I suggested to those around me that we should all start singing the right music, but I couldn't get a movement going.)

Then my companion, as we sought strong black coffee to steady our nerves in the interval, said some-thing of much wisdom. He called it "a salutary experience in every

it "a salutary experience in every sense", and when I said "Come, come—we don't need to be reminded that Mozart was a rather good composer", he replied "Yes, we do", whereat I pondered on his meaning and come to the complete what ing, and came to the conclusion that

The truth is that nothing should be taken for granted, and that unless something happens, regularly and frequently, to recall us to that truth, it will be forgotten, with

well as any opera in the repertoire, and if you were to ask me, either before or after I saw Gazzaniga's version, whether it is not one of the greatest artistic achievements the universe contains, I would of course say that it is. And yet there is no doubt that the quality of my answer would have been different before last week's experience of the lesser work from what it would be is—today. For the hardest of all artistic exercises is to remember every time we hear or see or read a familiar masterpiece that it was once entirely new to us. Of course, eny work of art—this is how, if all else fails, we know it is a work of art—continues to reveal new depths and qualities however often we experience it, but that, though closely allied, is not quite the same thing. allied, is not quite the same thing.

I must have seen Figuro more than 50 times, and for at least the last 42 I have derived a feeling of almost mexpressible happiness from the scene in Act One in which the Count removes the cloth from the samchair to reveal Cherubino beneath it; the reason for my happiness is not the joke itself, though well-produced it is a very good

joke, but the fact that it is invari-ably greeted by a burst of delighted and astonished laughter. The laughter, and the astonishment and delight it contains, comes from delight it contains, comes from those members of the audience who do not know before the scene takes place what is about to happen, and my joy springs, instantly and over-whelmingly, from the fact that in their first experience of the reve-lation I can vicariously recall my

That recall is essential, and if we's lose the ability to capture it we have lost something precious and vital. (That is why, at a performance of Macbeth, I fight not to catch sight of Banquo's ghost before the director wants me to, though I have seen the play sufficiently often to know by instinct where to look.) It is a truism, of course, to say that there are no hackneyed works, only backneyed audiences, but the point backneyed audiences, but the point about truisms is that they are often true, and this one certainly is. What we must never lose, in the experience of art, is innocence, for art will only speak in all its mystery and glory to the innocent; the Sixth Beatitude is an exact description of someone hearing the G

gigantic box-office success the National Theatre has had since it moved into the new building is an accident? If you believe that, you are probably capable of believing that The Magic Flute is an accident, and if you believe that you are probably Mr James Fenton.) And so it was that Gazzaniga's Don Giovanni, trifling work though it is, was an experience that having had, I would not have missed for any consideration. To hear Mozart's Don Giovanni is an experience only alightly less overwhelming the twentieth time than to hear it the

first. But to hear the same work with the genius removed is to make that "slightly", on the twenty-first visit, slighter still. After which, on Sunday (Mozart's birthday, though I am ashained to say that I had forgotten until our Mr Mann reminded me in the interval), the real thing: the Jupiter and the unfinished C minor Mass, with Ablado and the ISO Mass.

Abbado and the LSO. March that,

TORONTO DIARY

The city which Canadians love to hate

Toronto ought to be in deepest winter. There are a few signs of it-trees are a bare grey grass is a dirty yellow and the calendar face shows January. But the storms which blow from the prairies and up from the American south-west have almost entirely missed this pocket of the continent this

"A mild sunny day", the television says, and no pros-pect of snow while outside it is a few degrees below the freezing point, practically keeping out into upstate New York, Winter Olympics organizers at Lake Placid are biting their nails.

the thousands of tons on to or cars and nangs in encrus-tations from trains and buses.

Later it lurks in solution in great briny puddles to be splashed on the shivering pedestrian tunnels, train lines with gardens and fountains (the largest, rising partly above ground, is an improbable pedestrian by passing vehicles,

rimy white on everything it and has touched. shop

In spite of the "warm spell", outward evidence that there is an election campaign in progress is scarce, save for newspaper beadlines. Candi-dates have been doing some mainstreeting, but it is still too chilly to spend much time shaking hands at the factory

The large fluorescent card-board placards carrying candi-dates' names that grace front lawns during the normal sum-mer campaigns are few and far between. It is an effort, even in this unseasonable midness, to pound the wooden stakes

the weather

lacid are biting their nails. Weather, in any case, is A warm and almost snowless something Toronto is adept at winter in Toronto means, first avoiding. If in summer it is and foremost, a winter without often necessary to wear a the curse of salt: thrown by sweater in cinemas and resroads and pavements from ubiquitous air conditioner, in fleets of lorries after the nor- winter the city has itself mal ice and snow storms, it organized to simmer in a subeats bootleather and the bellies terranean world of connected of cars and hangs in encrus- pedestrian tunnels, train lines

and finally it dries a persistent metal of the Galleria in Milan contains almost 300

These shopping centres are designed to a strict formula.

Two or three big stores and food halls form the magnets drawing customers through the connecting shop-line corriddors. "Food modules" are open spaces with tables and one Chinese fast-food counter, one Iralian, one fish and chips.

The same pattern prevails in

the suburbs, where above-ground shopping "plazas" surrounded by car parks the size of several football pitches continue to proliferate. The old ppen-air plazas have been forced to enclose themselves or go bankrupt. As the January sales wind down, the red plush chair where Santa Claus sat at each plaza to hear the wishes of child suppliants is being dismantled and packed away. In deference to the women's liberation movementor maybe just as a new com-mercial twist-Mrs Claus was there on her own throne this

Bathroom

Riding the underground trains, one sees the evidence for a characterization which



Toronto high-life takes as a dubious accolade: "The city with clean subways." Each station-no litter, no smoking, no buskers comprises acres of polished terrazzo granite floors travelling through a succession of vast gleaming bathrooms, Reaching a suburban desti-

nation, one is often able to wait snugly indoors until the appropriate flashing light precipitates a 30-second dash up through the freezing air of one of the covered stairways on to a roasting bus. A little video screen at the driver's right hand flashes instructions and information from a computer system which knows the number of passengers and location, within three feet, of all 1,200 buses. The pheno-menon of simultaneous arrival by three No. 28 buses seems

With office and apartment towers poked into the ground everywhere during the past 15 crossed by miles of chain-link up United States mass-transfencing, that in winter port systems and replacing fencing, that in winter resemble bleak dormitory towns in Russia—the remaining large patches of the old ramshackle Toronto are pleasfencing, resemble ingly reassuring.

the sensation becomes one of yards of earth, complete with an old brick or wood gabled shrines, statues, and miniature farmhouse can still be seen. walkways winding between tiny clipped hedges and minute

> Shops here are in two or three-storey buildings, their alleys a clutter of telephone poles and wires, tresh bins and black iron fire escapes. Salt fish and salami are dispensed. The old red trains are part of

this (they have also proved cheaper to run than buses). It was the death of the American streetcar that probably kept the Toronto lines alive. the Toronto lines alive. Toronto was able to buy scores of trams south of the border for almost scrap-metal prices in the early fifties because for 20 years National City Lines, a consortium financed by General Motors, Firestone and Standard Oil, had been buying streetcars with diesel busesproduced by General Motors, tyred by Firestone and fuelled by Standard Oil.

Narrow brick houses are rules here, of course, and the painted blazing yellow, blue, city is ringed with dual carriage green or red by Italian and Portuguese occupants who sometimes, in the scrub bush manage also to squeeze rough of the canyons between the and endearing versions of classical provides automobile sum to the private automobile sum to the private automobile sum to the carriage with dual carriage ways of up to 12 lanes. Sometimes, in the scrub bush and endearing versions of classical provides are rules here, of course, and the private automobile sum to the carriage with dual carriage ways of up to 12 lanes. The private automobile still

and shiny tile walls, so that sical gardens into a few square the tract-housing developments, Palpable

prosperity

Sprawling up the slope from Lake Ontario and the port area with its railyards and grain elevators, the city is Canada's financial centre. In 1788 the English bought this land from the Mississauga Indians for, among other items, 24 brass kettles, 10 dozen looking glasses and 47 carrors. Last year annual retail sales were more than £3,500m. Even in a slow economy, the prosperity is palpable.

Toronto is the cultural centre of English Canada, too, and its intellectual heart and its intellectual nearl-though when a resident speaks of a "right winger" or "the blue line", he is almost centainly engaging not in a dis-custom of ideology or political geography but of ice hockey.

"If I was asked by some stranger to North American culture to show him the most important religious building in Canada, I would take him to Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens", one writer remarked, referring to the home ice of the

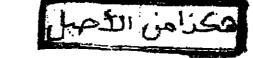
Maple Leaf's team. News of the club's latest player trades is at the top of the front page here, beside events in Iran and Markets have been known to bequeath them in their wills. Once upon a time, Toronto's ?

piety and conservation earned it the derisory title "Toronto the Good", and sumers looking for a weekend of drink and abandon went to Montreal. ("Liquor stores" are still difficult to find for the uninitiaties.)

The rest of Canada still cultives with relish a dislike of the place. And yet, the object of Aisdain is itself composed mainly of people from elsewhere: in a population of 2,800,000 only 300,000 were harm here. born here.

But this pet eversion may have its uses in a country torn & by regionalism. The theme of a post-var radio play by a Torotto broadcaster remains valid. That's just it. We all valid: "That's just it. We all hate Toronto. It's the only thing everybody's got in common. You hear a dreadful quarnel start up between (English) Canadians and French Canadians, or Marintimers and Manitobans. Just timers and Manitobans. Just timers throat, somebody mentions foronto."

Leslie Plommer





REVOLUTIONARY GESTURES

most trade unionists as it has been to other citizens. It carries with it the possibility of a divided movement alienated from the nation as a whole, and an abandonment of the limited role that the unions in this country have traditionally seen as their natural one. The economic crises of the sixties and seventies have thrust them more directly into political affairs than before, and power has brought responsibilities of which the leaders of the movement are in general all too well aware. A general strike is essentially a revolutionary gesture, and the leaders of the trade unions today are for the most part as far from being revolutionary as any group in

There is therefore real anxiety among national TUC leaders about the threat by the Wales TUC to call what would in effect be a general strike in the Principality against the British Steel Corporation's proposals to cut back on capacity and jobs. The Wales TUC (a recent relic of the period when devolution was in vogue) does not constitutionally have the power to do any such thing, but feeling in

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The image of a general strike has South Wales is so strong that since 1926 been as alarming to the response there might well be widespread. Unemployment is already high there, and the major industries depend closely on one another, so the indirect consequences of the cutbacks would extend far beyond the direct ones. The local mining industry would suffer (losing eleven of more pits) whether the cutbacks were imposed in full, or avoided by the purchase of cheaper coal from abroad. The railways would also suffer, and so would engineering and service indust. engineering and service industries: in all, the Wales TUC estimates, no doubt tendentiously, that 51,000 jobs might be lost to Wales in the next three years because of the steel plan.

The local sense of grievance is quite real, and there is no shortage of those willing to exploit it politically to embarrass both the Government and the TUC leadership. The TUC succeeded in deflecting a proposal to begin the general strike earlier this month by sanctioning last Monday's one-day action and arranging a meeting with ministers to discuss the proposed closures. This will take place on Thursday, and if, as seems likely, the Government does not agree either to delay the closures or

to make new arrangements to mitigate their effects, the pressure in Wales to attempt a general stoppage might become irresistible. Mr Bill Sirs has also been dropping hints about the possibility "if we were very awful people" of widening the issues of the steel strike itself to include closures as well as

An unlimited general strike

in Wales would be very different in mood and significance to Monday's emotional industrial carnival. Many of the workers who turned out then would hesitate to engage in an action implicitly extending the boundaries of the concept "in furtherance . of a trade dispute" to an almost infinite extent. The target of such an action would not be any ordinary employer, but the Government, which holds the purse strings of the three industries most immediately involved. It would be a direct political challenge to the Government's ability to give effect to its poli-cies in a major area of Britain. The spectacle might profoundly change the light in which trade unionism is seen by the wider public. It is no wonder that the leaders of the TUC are frightened of losing control.

PRESIDENT SADAT'S LEVERAGE

The normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt is moving slowly. Although Israel has withdrawn from about twothirds of Sinai, and land barriers with Egypt have been opened, the future of the process is still in doubt. The Israelis profess to have been encouraged by Egyptian promises to speed it up, and they attach considerable significance to the fact that Egypt has switched responsibility for normalization from the Foreign Ministry to the Defence Ministry, which is thought to be more amenable. But Egypt has delayed both the arrival of Israeli diplomats and the start of flights by Egyptair to Israel. Clearly there is going to be nothing automatic about further

progress. Some of the delays may be attributed to an Egyptian desire to avoid provoking the meeting of Arab countries in Islamabad. but there are broader reasons. too. In spite of Israeli reports to the contrary it seems unlikely that Egypt can abandon the link in the limit between normalization and progress towards an agreement on Palestinian autonomy. This is still the key to a full settlement and to reconciliation between Egypt and the other Arab countries. President Sadat has got to demonstrate that his agreement with Israel does not

involve selling out the Palestinians. He cannot be expected to move smoothly towards full normalization with Israel until

agreement is in sight.

This has become all the more important since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The Arab world is fundamentally anti-Soviet but it cannot fully unite in self-defence against Soviet encroachments as long as its own relations are bedevilled by the unsolved Palestinian issue and as long as the Soviet Union can fish in these troubled waters by supporting the PLO. President Sadat courageously braved a breach with his Arab allies in the hope of reaching a settlement which would come to be supported by them. He was right to do so but he is now dangerously isolated, and the unity of the Arab world is more badly needed than ever. He still has to prove that he was right. The only way he can do so is to reach an agreement which satisfies the Palestinians. The only lever left to him is the normalization process. To let this move on without parallel progress towards an agreement on Palestinian auto-nomy would be suicidal. Ultimately, too, it would be contrary to Israeli interests because it would set back the whole process of reaching a settlement in the Middle East.

At the moment the gap between Israel and Egypt on the Palestinian issue is still dangerously wide. Last week Egypt rejected an Israeli scheme which offered severely limited auto-nomy. This week Israel has said it will reject the latest Egyptian plan, which would grant the Palestinians wider powers of self rule. One of the few hopeful signs is a revival of Jordanian interest in the West Bank which is being discussed by Israeli politicians. Optimism also seems to emanate from Mr Sol Linowitz, President Carter's special envoy, who is visiting the area.

On present evidence it is difficult to see anything but tactical reasons for this, yet Mr Linowitz knows the pressure that the United States is now putting on Israel to be more accommodating and may have grounds for believing it will be effective. Mr Weizman, the Israeli Defence Minister, had a cool reception in Washington when he went there for more aid. Now that Mr Carter feels stronger domestically and still more determined to exclude Soviet influence from the Gulf region pressure on Israel could mount. If so, President Sadat might receive the vindication he deserves and the road towards Arab unity would be open. But nobody can feel too confident at this stage.

A WRITTEN CONSTITUTION AT WORK

Last week the Supreme Court in their politicians. That fact Dublin held that the Irish Finance Act which has the effect of aggregating the wife's income with that of her husband for assessment to income tax is repugnant to the constitution of the state. Article 41 of the constitution of Ireland entreaches with much pious sentiment the primacy and protection of the family. It declares among other things that "the State pledges itself to guard with special care the institution of Marriage, on which the Family is founded, and to protect it against attack." The judge found that the joint taxation of spouses' incomes was just such an attack, and he was not impressed by the Attorney General's argument that any marriage-wrecking side-effects of fiscal legislation was more than compensated for by other privileges and advantages which the state showered on married couples and their children.

This happy result for Irish higher paid two-income married couples they owe to their judges and their constitution, not to

deserves notice over here now that interest is being reawakened in the possibilities of a written constitution or Bill of Rights. The decision is an embarrassment to the Irish Government. Mr Charles Haughey has just taken charge of it. He finds that the state is heavily over-spending. He is also beset by the wage-earning and salaried classes who are in a state of near revolt about PAYE, which, they think, penalizes them while allowing the self-employed and farmers in particular to escape their fair share of the burden. Farmers in a country like Ireland are difficult men to get tax out of, both for ministers and for tax inspectors; and as luck would have it, the post-EEC-entry rise in farm incomes has passed its peak just as the resentment of other taxpayers is coming to its peak in monster meetings reminiscent of the days of Daniel O'Connell. It is going to be a difficult budget for the Government next month. And now the supreme court has

Bill of Rights doubters may see that as typical of the muddles that arise when you allow judges as well as Parliament to make or change the law. They are also entitled to point out that the change now effected in Dublin was effected seven years earlier in the United Kingdom, which does not have the benefit of a constitutional instrument exalting the institution of marriage.

But a better view would be that basic law cannot always be asserted without political inconvenience, since it is the convenience of politicians which withholds what it is the basic law bestows; that it is precisely for that purpose that a basic law is needed; and that this Irish case is a good example of the process at work. But lest it be too hastily concluded that a written constitution is the surest instrument of the rights, freedoms and dignities of the citizen, Article 41 of the Irish constitution says in the next breath, "No law shall be enacted providing for the grant of a dissolution of

Taxing the unhealthy

From Mr Malcolm D. Warner Sir, There is no excuse for this Government to presend that there is no fair way of raising more revenue for our underfinanced Health Ser-

A straightforward 10 per cent "Health Tax" on those three pro-ducts which cost the Health Service so much, namely, tobacco, alcohol and motoring (which could be taxed through a car owner's private insurance) would raise a substantial sum towards health care. This would be considerably cheaper than raising more money through new health charges which Mr Jenkin says he is now looking

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM D. WARNER, Astley House, Faringdon, Oxfordshire. January 24.

Christian disunity From the Reverend and Mrs Chris

Sir, "Smooth words butter no par smps." It is no use the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury making grand declarations of the need for unity (The Times, January 21), when the reality is that Christians put most of their efforts into disunity. Religious education is concerned with the "differences" between Christian groups and the tians put most of their efforts into

main concern of hierarchies seems to be to secure their own positions.

I am a Church of England priest am a Courch of England priest and my wife is a Roman Catholic. We belong to the Association of Intercharch Families and the experiences of members are typical of those who try to break out of the of those who try to break out of the narrow confines of their church membership. Any attempt by couples to engage in intercommunion, to have joint marriage ceremonies, baptisms or even funerals is usually discouraged and offer made impossible by these often made impossible by those whose constant cry is the scandal of disunity. Yours sincerely,

stripped it of £30m worth

of tax revenue.

CHRIS BARD, MARY BARD. Association of Interchurch Families, 1 Springfield Close, Eaglescliffe. Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. January 21.

Voluntary welfare groups

From Mr Kenneth F. Urwin Sir, Nicholas Hinton (January 11) perhaps stultifies volunteers and voluntary bodies by reserving them

for non-contentious business.

There is no denying the harsh realities to which Ian Bradley (January 4) referred. Nicholas Hinton does not allow for the momentum with which collectivization of offers has developed in the momentum with which collectiviza-tion of effort has developed in the health and social services during the late seventies. This collectivization

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is not spontaneous: it has required careful programming in which major unions have been prominent. Health and social services buttress the economy and they do it by focussing a particular freat-ment on a particular individual at a particular time. To this style of work, the idea of the majority vote work, the idea of the majority vote for or against the job in hand is not only irrelevant but hostile also. What we know for certain is that treatment, whether in the direct gift of medical nursing or aucilliary staff, cannot be achieved by a show of hands or written ballot.

The consequence during industrial disputes of putting voting machinery into the treatment pro-cess has been mayben, and crippl-

Votes matter at the point where policy is laid down and resources distributed. But to see the detailed day-to-day organization of a health service hospital or a social services community home as dependent ing to patients and others. on a ballot of workers is a highly contentions view and volunteers cannot be neutral about it.

Ian Bradley said in effect that volunteers must choose whether they belong to the practitioners who do things or the policy makers who decide things. I have no doubt that they should assist the practitioners at all times. Yours faithfully.

KENNETH URWIN, Director of Social Services.

London Borough of Camden. 356-364 Gray's Inn Road, WCL January 14.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reviving Civil Defence

From Professor Michael Howard,

Sir, The decision to provide bases in this country for United States cruise missiles; the future of our own "independent" strategic deterrent; the extent of our provisions for civil defence: all these have surely to be considered together as part of a single defence posture. No evidence emerged, in the course of last Thursday's debate (January 24), that this is being done by the present Government.

sent Government.

The presence of cruise missiles on British soil makes it highly possible that this country would be the target for a series of preemptive trikes by Saviet missiles. These would not necessarily be on the massive scale foreseen by Lord Noel-Baker in your columns of January 25. It is more likely that the 25. It is more likely that the Russians would hold such massive strikes in reserve, to deter us from using our sea-based missiles as a "second strike force" after the first Soviet warheads had hit targets in

this country.
This initially limited Soviet strike would have the further objective, beyond eliminating weapons in this country targeted on their own homeland, of creating conditions here of such political turbulence that the use of our own nuclear

Banishing Dr Sakharov

Sir, Academician Sakharov's ex-

ample calls forth our admiration and solidarity. But what is it an

Mr Khrushchev related in his memoirs that Sakharov, an

extremely talented and impressive man", asked him in 1961 to cease testing the hydrogen bomb. Khrush-chev continues: "He was a crystal

of morality among our scientists... He hated the thought that science might be used to destroy life, to

contaminate the atmosphere, to kill people slowly by radioactive

Dr Sakharov has, from that time

until the present, continued, year in, year out, to warn of the dangers of the proliferation of nuclear

missiles, in the common interests of

survival of the people, East or West.

His warnings were disregarded by Mr Khrushchev (in favour of diplo-

and by his successors. They have also been disregarded by the politi-

cal and military leaders of the West.

United States failure to ratify Salt Treaty II, and Nato's decision

at Brussels on December 12, 1979, to go forward with a "new generation" of nuclear missiles, are both in direct contradiction of Dr Sakharov's advice. And both of these

menacing postures in the West directly encouraged the menacing actions of the Soviet Union—and

" from a position of strength "),

From Mr E. P. Thompson

example of ?

courage, his own government, in the common interest of survival. He is not a spokesman of "the West" in Russia, or a pawn of Western polinicians. It is altogether damaging to his cause—and to our common cause—to use him in that way, and it plays directly into the hands of Soviet ideologues to do so.

Those who have failed to criticise, with equal outspokenness, our

stood it, and they should keep a guilty silence. Criticism of the menace of other governments is easy; it is more difficult to criticise

to the Russian masses how we re-

gard these activities than a boycott of the Olympic Games in Micscow?

should depend their decision whether or not to go to Moscow to

From the Principal of Glasgow University

Sir, In reaction to the Russian inva-sion of Afghanistan and the banish-ment of dissident Nobel laureate

Sakharov, the Government is, among other things, advising our athleres to boycott the Moscow Olympic Games.

That is all very well, but will the

Covernment now also desist from diverting young people to the

Soviet Union by dropping, or at least amending, its plans to introduce economic tuition fees for overseas students wishing to pursue courses in our institutions of higher

It is rime for Parliament openly

to acknowledge that ideological war-

fare is really a ceaseless battle for the human mind, punctuated only occasionally by territorial abuses, and that educating overseas students

is as much a part of our defence system as Polaris missiles. Both

major political parties are guilty of this oversight. It was, after all, a Labour minister of the mid-seventies who first hawked around the univer-

who first nawked around the universities the naive calculation that overseas students were costing the country an irrecoverable £100 million per annum. It was also a Labour Government which first charged overseas students higher fees; its

Tory successor has merely carried that decision to its logical conclu-

My nightmare is that our descendants, or those of them at liberty to do so, will look back to the seventies as the time when we priced

On the answers to these questions

Wick Episcopi, Upper Wick, Worcester. January 26.

compete.

Yours truly,

January 26.

education?

The Dower House,

Northamptonshire.

Boughton House, Kettering,

From Miss Elizabeth Monroe

remove the Olympic Games from Moscow, cannot be managed at the notice, why not purge them of their nationalist taint?

Let each athlete choose for him or herself whether to compete or not Let the initial march past be by category of competitor, not national contingent. Let the Olympic flag be raised over each gold medalist, to a fairfare instead of a national anthem. Let the closing ceremony be celebrated by the medallists only. Lord Killanin himself, in a book published last year on the Games

56 Montagu Square, W1. January 26.

From Sir David Scott Sir, Here are three questions which prospective competitors in the Moscow Olympics should ask them-

Linking pensions to prices From Mrs C. E. Butler

Sir, Mr Meacher (letter, January 26) might reflect that Civil Service pensions, like all occupational pen-sions, are deferred salary. The pensioner is entitled to receive that salary, in money as good as that foregone, and with appropriate interest. Inflation steals it from him to benefit those still in employment, who, with the connivance of government, pay themselves more than they earn. The solution is to extend index linking of pensions and to bring down the rate of inflation so that the cost of pensions to the workforce is

supportable. Mr Meacher's proposed solution saved by tapering the pensions of the top 6.8 per cent of civil servants could make no measurable difference to welfare benefits generally. It is a crude appeal to the politics of envy and unworthy of a member of Parliament. Yours faithfully,

C. E. BUTLER, 70 Valley Road, Welwyn Garden City. Hertfordshire.

weapons, followed as this could be

by yet heavier attacks upon us, would become quite literally

Civil defence on a scale sufficient

incredible ".

to give protection to a substantial number of the population in the event of such a "limited" nuclear strike is thus an indispensable element of deterrence. Such measures should not be covert and concealed. On the contrary, they should be given the widest possible publicity; not only so that the people of this country know that they will be afforded the greatest possible degree of protection in the worst eventuality, but so that the c edibility of our entire defence pasture should not be destroyed through absence of evidence of our capacity to endure the disagreeable

consequences likely to flow from it.

In the absence of a serious civil defence policy, the Government's decision to modernize or replace our "independent deterrent" will be more than an expensive bluff likely to deceive no one beyond these shores, and not very many people within them. Yours faithfully,

M. E. HOWARD,
Chichele Professor of the History
of War,
All Souls College,
Oxford.

thus contributed to Dr Sakharov's present exile in Gorkiy.
Dr Sakharov's example has been that of criticising, with immense

own policies for the "modernisa-tion" and proliferation of nuclear weapons have no right whatsoever to speak of Dr Sakharov's "example". They have not underthe menace of our own.

In the House of Commons last Thursday (January 24) only 50 members voted against cruise missile "modernisation"—and, incidentally, in favour of their own party's proclaimed policies—and these politicians are the only ones with any moral authority whatso-ever to come to Dr Sakharov's

Yours etc., E. P. THOMPSON,

Boycotting the Olympics

Sir. If the best solution, which is to

since their restoration in 1896, commends most of these changes.
"I would be happier if national anthems were not used"; parading behind the flag "often leads to disputes of a political nature"; "an unfortunate tradition" uses "the opening ceremony to display national pride". Hitler at Berlin in 1936 first misused the Games in a big way, for instance, by receiving German medal-winners in his box, but not Jesse Owens because the latter was a non-Aryan victor. Let Moscow reverse the process. Lake Placid is the place at which to

Yours, etc

ELIZABETH MONROE,

selves.

1. How strongly do I personally feel about what the Russians have done in Afghanistan and all the attendant implications?

attendant implications?

2. How important do I think it is that not just the high-ups but the whole Russian people should be made aware of how revolted we and most of the world are by the activities of their Government? (We can be sure that the steps already taken by the United States and ourselves in regard to grain, technological inin regard to grain, technological in-formation, etc. will not be generally known in Russia.)

3. Is there a more effective or indeed is there any other way, short, of course, of war, of bringing home

Forming a centre party From Mr Michael Troth

freedom at £100 million.

ALWYN WILLIAMS.

Yours faithfully.

The University,

Glasgow.

January 28.

Sir. As a Liberal activist in a dis-trict where the party has had considerable success (running the council of which I am a member with a minority administration), it is a disappointment to me to read the predictions of a social demo-crat like Mr Taverue today (Janu-ary 19), echoing Mr Jenkins in his Dimbleby Lecture, on the possible realignment of the parties and the emergence of a new centre party. As David Steel has pointed out, I thought we already had a centre party and the cov attitude of l'. Taverne towards the Liberal Party,

"an electoral pact with the Liberals

a preliminary alliance that could
lead in time to a full merger", does nothing to encourage my support for a liberal who will not be a Liberal. If Mr Taverne wants the support of the Liberal Party, let him join it. The same goes for Mr Jenkins. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL TROTH, 1 Bury Hall,

Wolverley,

Kidderminster,

Worcestershire.

Sir, I have deep sympathy for Members of Parliament who must shortly make up their minds on the subject of abortion, and have no wish to add to their difficulties. However, since Christians have been much involved in the vigorous campaign in favour of Mr Corrie's Bill, I believe it ought to be said publicly that this campaign does not represent the only Christian view on the matter. on the matter.

From the Bishop of Durham

All Christians, I imagine, deplore the need for abortion, and would see it in terms of a difficult choice between evils. But not all would subscribe to the simple bel'ef that human life begins unequivocably at conception and from that moment must be accorded the rights of full personhood. There is an element of emotional blackmail in language which refers to the murder of thousands of babies, and I believe it is both unwise and unnecessary to polarize the discussion as if it were a question of murder on the one hand or the removal of what some call an insignificant piece of tissue on the other.

A Church of England working A Church of England working party, whose report was one of the factors paving the way for the 1967 Act, refused to define the status of the fertilized ovum, on the grounds that any such definition would be arbitrary and inseparable from the moral judgments which it might then be used to justify.

The more fully theologians try to come to terms with what is actually known about human development, the more sensible that refusal seems. The exchange of shrill certainties

Amending the law on abortion about a manter on which, in the nature of the case, certainty is impossible, only serves to make an

agonizingly difficult problem more intractable. The main clause in Mr Corrie's The main clause in Mr Corrie's Bill about the gravity of the risks needed to justify an abortion, follows closely the original Church of England recommendations, which were criticized at the time for being unworkable. Its acceptance now on a tide of emotion, backed by absolutist claims, could open the door to an illiberal interpretation of the law as extreme in

pretation of the law as extreme in its way as the previous over-liberal interpretation of the 1967 Act. Law is a blant instrument for dealing with intimate personal dilemmas. I therefore incline to the view that the best way forward is not by further legislation, but by active encouragement of the medi-cal profession, in conjunction with other responsible people, to work out a code of practice in these mat-

out a code of practice in these matters, taking into account the strong expressions of public feeling which the present Bill has aroused.

Water-tight legal prescriptions are bound to create injustices and absurdities in an area where precision is impossible. A code of practice, on the other hand, within the broad framework of the law as it is at present, could remedy the proven abuses while allowing the flexibility which the practice of good medicine requires. good medicine requires. Yours faithfully, JOHN DUNELM, Auckland Castle,

Bishop Auckland, County Durham. January 28.

Presenting the police case From Mr R. D. M. Davies

Sir, Mr Lyon, MP (report, January 26) is quite right when he says that the public has to be sure that the police are not breaking the rules; but what a pity that he should spoil his constructive criticism by an intemperate attack on Mr Alderson and Mr Anderton.

The police have suffered in the past from an acute shortage of articulate senior officers willing to contribute to the debate on law and order. Mr Alderson and Mr Anderton are two leaders who not only express their views forcefully, eloquently and with logic, but who also innovate in an attempt to maintain public tranquillity with the minimum amount of force.

It would be a tragedy for the public and the police if such biased and ill-conceived criticism were to discourage other police chiefs from following their example. Yours faithfully,

ROBERT DAVIES, Police inspector, Metropolitan 82a South Park Road, Wimbledon, SW19. January 27.

From Dr William Tobin Sir, As befits a democratic society. Britain's police forces are organized locally. So also in the United States,

but with the difference that the local organization and control is very evident.

Officers of different police authorities are dressed in very different uniforms. They of the take meals in neighbourhood restaurants. The behaviour of the police is a matter for local political discussion and control: in the mid-Western town of 200,000 in which I have just spent the last four years the former mayor had been elected in large part to reform the city police department, and there was public consideration of, inter alia, whether to authorize police use of hollow bullets and of the necessity of the city's Special Weapons and Tactics

Because it was clear the police were agents of the local citizens and not perceived as representatives of distant, unresponsive authority, relations between the police and the rest of the community were good. In the United Kingdom the cosmetic measure of an obvious variety of uniforms and the more substantial change in police control would surely improve and cement the images of our police forces.

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM TOBIN, Castlegate, North Castle Street, St. Andrews, Fife. January 21.

The price of gas

From Mr E. R. Smith Sir. Your recent leading article (January 16) stated that the price of gas has been too cheap for too long. In addition, you—and as it turns out, the Government—justify the planned rises on the basis that gas is a scarce resource and higher prices will act as an inducement to conservation. It now seems to be a completely forgotten fact that until about five years ago British
Gas expended huge sums of money
in an endeavour to persuade us to
take to gas as a primary source of Heating.

Many people made substantial personal investments in gas after carefully examining the alternatives available, and were persuaded partly by the gas industry itself that in future gas provided an accessible and continuing source of energy at both a stable and ultracompetitive price compared with

other forms of energy.

There can be no doubt that following the recent announcement, the public at large has been grossly misled. Whilst both understanding

energy supplies for the future, how is it possible to interpret this at times of illness and/or extremely cold weather? I suspect that as a result of the inflation of the last few years, most people are already exercising considerable restraint in the use of energy, if only to conserve their own cash reserves.

Furthermore, has this Government not yet learned the tragic fact that price no longer tends to control price no longer tends to control demand or consumption, but rather adds weight to the call for higher wages? This on the one hand fuels the inflation spiral, and on the other certain sectors of the community, namely those on fixed incomes, become poorer. This then results in subsidies of one form or another and in turn this gives rise to greater Governmental borrowing requirements, and consequently higher taxation.

taxation. Yours faithfully, EDWARD R. SMITH, Phildon Lodge, Seal Hollow Road, Sevenoaks, January 17.

Constructive criticism From Mr Bryan Jefferson

Sir, Your leader, "London is not for speculators" (January 23), was well titled and reminds us of the wider context surrounding the Vauxhall Cross proposal. It also effectively answers the points made by Mr. Piscon be remindied. by Mr Pigott by reminding every-body that clients, the public and all of us have a responsibility for the way our built environment looks and works, especially on large, nationally important sites.

This wider responsibility has three dimensions; first, the social and economic. Does the proposal make sense for the city? Will it benefit employment prospects, increase prosperity in the locality and so on? The second is environmental: what will be the impact of the scheme on its surroundings? Can the inhabitants (and the traffic they create) be accommodated by the roads and transportation system—essentially, is the development appropriate to the site? Finally, there is the design of the building itself. Here the archi-tect must take a large share of the responsibility. But if the earlier questions are answered wrongly, or if they are the wrong questions, there is little that even the best architect can do to achieve a really satisfactory solution.

Neither these comments nor your leader apply only to the proposed building at Vauxhall Bridge. They relate to new schemes anywhere, about which the public have every right to be concerned. This correspondence and the interest shown is therefore to be welcomed. It will help to create more responsible and responsive clients, a more in-formed, demanding public and provide my profession with the challenge to produce good architecture. Yours faithfully,

BRYAN JEFFERSON, President, Royal Institute of British Architects, 66 Portland Place, W1.

Behaving honourably

From Mr Jacques Champagne Sir, Freedom of the press is a wonderful thing: like Aesop's tongue, it can be the best or the worst in the world. It allows Bernard Levin to write in The Times (January 17): "Of course, no serious observer of the international scene would expect the French to behave in any way other than the most dishonourable that the situa-

tion permits..." Perhaps the point should be made that "serious observers" of the international (let alone the national) scene are getting remarkably fewer as general confusion grows, crises loom larger and intellectual, literary and political vulgarity take pride of place.

Popular scribes, clever propa-gandists, pollsters, universal critics, PROs, prolific gossip writers, Agit-

prop experts, entertainers, hard-Esting columnists—yes, they are plentiful. But "serious observers"? They seem to be reduced to a handful and (if I might be permitted to say so) they would hardly count Bernard Levin amongst their numbers, whether at home or abroad.

By arrogating to himself the right or the pretence to speak in their name for the sake of gratuitous and cheap insult, and by dropping sen-tences such as "some of Britain's more treacherous allies", Bernard Levin is only adding to the general confusion of mind. Thet, et a time when competence, reflection and clarity of thought may well be the last weapons for personal, national and collective survival.

Yours faithfully.
J. CHAMPAGNE, c/o The Foreign Press Association,

January 21.

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Why Mr Abse is having to fight the divorce battle all over again

"Personally I feel there should be two different kinds of divorce: one when children are involved, another when they aren't. I am completely against making divorce any easier for couples with children—that's my prejudice, I suppose."
The speaker is Mr Leo Abse, one of Parliament's more forward backbenchers, veteran of many a public issue and Private Member's Bill, whose latest task it is to urge reform of our much criticized divorce system.

But haven't we-and Mr Abse-been here before? Most people in their thirties and forties can recall the ferocity with which the 1969 Divorce Reform Act was fought, and the fact that Mr Abse was one of its chief architects. Now he is chairing an all-party committee of MPs to try to persuade the Government to take another look. What, in his opinion, went wrong?

"The 1969 law had built in obsolescence", he says. "We were legislating on a staircase moving so rapidly that if I ever had any illusions that this was the last word on the subject they were rapidly shattered by the changing role of women. The big battle at the time was with those opponents of the Bill who claimed that it would license middle-aged men to abandon their wives and marry their secretaries."

"If you remember it was called a Casanova's Charter'. It was to placate that lobby-the middle-class, middle-aged ladies who were worried about being divorced against their wishes-that stringent financial safeguards for women were put in the 1969 Act and this caused many of the present difficulties."

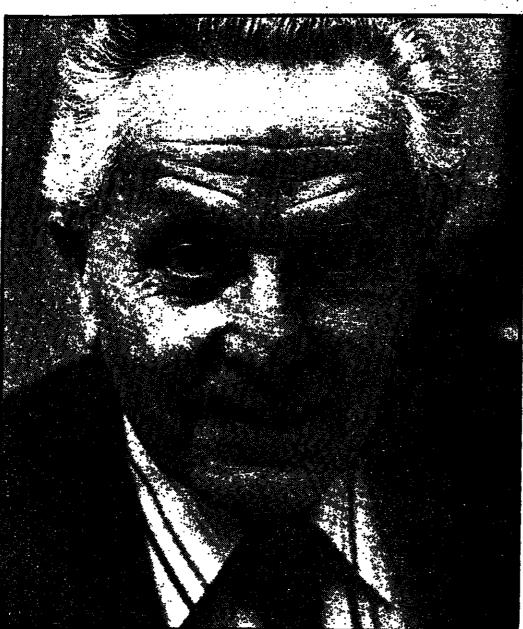
· But Mr Abse is anxious not to identify himself solely with the more vocal, not to mention more impoverished ex-hushands who are the most aggressive of the lobbies wanting change. "We have a much wider spectrum of opinion and issues to take into account." Whatever his sympathies with the husbands who suffer, he keeps them close to his chest. He is well aware that on its own this will not create the climate

for change.

"There is a great deal of dissatisfaction elsewhere. The Law Society made its regressions last year. The Church organizations quite rightly stress the problem of children. It is clear that the manner in which the courts currently dispose of them is much too perfunctory."

Concern for children has been one of the main themes of Mr Abse's parliamentary career. Illegitimacy, adoption and abortion are three issues towards which he has been drawn on their behalf. And one of the main

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motives behind his support for divorce law reform in the 1960s was the legitimizing of the thousands of children whose parents could not free themselves from their official partners under the old law.

This time the issues are rather different -the difficulties faced by fathers who seek custody or access, and the extraordinary

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bias of the judiciary, one of whose members recently caused an uproar when he handed over an 18-month-old baby who had been, in his opinion, well cared for by its father, to a mother who had left home a few weeks after its birth.

Did the 1969 Act achieve anything? It did away with those grisly court battles to

establish "guilt" or "innocence" which provided some of the press with its news and the private detectives with their employment. But, says Mr Abse, the failure lies in the way the old conflicts have been transferred from battles about guilt to arguments over money, children and property. He feels that much more could be done to reconcile couples after divorce. He feels that many of the disputes that cost the participants and the taxpayer millions of pounds each year are just ways of continuing unresolved conflicts.

He places a lot of blame on the judiciary. The 1969 Act stated clearly that conduct was to be taken into account when dealing with ancillary matters. Judges have chosen to take an extravagantly amoral view in their interpretation. They have ignored that part of the Act completely. They have shirked their role."

Was Lord Denning wrong when he said, in his famous Wachtel v Wachtel decision. that behaviour was only to be taken into account if it was "obvious and gross"?

"Yes", says Mr Abse, "he was. We never intended the Act to be interpreted like that " Part of the dissatisfaction with the present system, he says, arises because the courts seem to have suspended all moral judgment. However convenient this is for the lawyers, the public does not like it.

He thinks new procedures have made a mockery of the reconciliation provisions. which were put into the 1969 Act to please the Churches. But whether reconciliation was ever a realistic objective for a divorce law in the first place must be open to

Mr Abse clearly recognizes a horner's nest when he sees one. He diplomatically refers to "differences of emphasis" among the various groups wanting change. What he wants is a full Law Commission inquiry.

"I think this is the best way to approach things. The Law Commission are not dry as dust hidebound lawyers who will take a narrow view of the issue. They will involve everyone with something to say. What I want to do is to convince the Lord Chancellor that there is genuine public concern and demand for change. We must have a comprehensive inquiry. Nothing is worse than hurried and botched legislation. It is a long haul, of course. The last time it took seven years. All these things take time. I am used to that"

Maggie Drummond

Tomorrow. in the first of three programmes. BBC's Nationwide will discuss the problems of

Channel 4: can the big money be found?

Television at breakfast may or may not be a starter, nor will it necessarily begin when the new franchises start in January, 1982

There are still meetings to be held, views to be canvassed. before the Independent Broadcasting Authority settles on its choice of contractors to serve the commercial network and its new, slightly altered regions, as we gaze, still trying to get the focus right, into the 1980s.

Television at breakfast may or may not be a starter, nor will it necessarily begin when January 1, 1982. The snap-crackle-pop of breakfast food advertising cheques may be heard in the land—but that, as the IBA people pointed out last week, is not something they are concerned about.

What is certain, however, is that duality has been created in two large regions, the south and the Midlands. And although each is splir, each will be controlled by a single company, which at a stroke rules out smaller groups who had hoped for a clean break in each

Unless they can find substan-tial backing from a bank or a commercial enterprise, they are certain to find the tens of millions of pounds required to go into the television business quite heyond them.

Looking first at the south, the region runs to Dorchester in the west, northwards from Southampton to Reading and the Thames Valley, east to the Isle of Thanet. Taking over the Bluebell Hill transmitter between Chatham and Maidstone, the company operating the franchise will serve the whole of Kent instead of half

"It's going to remove that frustration and we shall know programmes designed for the area will be capable of being received through the entire area". Mr Frank Copplestone, managing director of Southern Television, says.

Southern, assuming it cels the South/South-East contract, and there is little doubt that the companies which already have the resources must do so, is now having studies made as

best location for its new studios. There is a small one at Dover and there are technical, geographical and social factors to think about. And it is going much, no one knows. Studies have also been set up to look at these matters; little more than three months are left to get applications in.

Mr Copplestone estimates an additional population to be served of about 500,000—and with that kind of figure you can start taking a hard look at your advertising rate-card, just as a newspaper does when it puts on

This is precisely what is not going to happen in the Midlands: no more people, extra studies to be set up, probably at Nottingham, where ATV already uses the Theatre Royal, and a whopping 19m subscription to pay towards the fourth channel. Lord Windlesham, managing director of ATV, is unperturbed.

He would, he says, be interested to know how anyone else can take over the Midlands area when ATV have the facilities and the backing that now exist. "I think it is probably thumbs down to any ideas from producers or entrepreneurs about this area. They were only interested in the East Midlands and were coming with financial backing from Leeds." Can any David challenge produces expensive Palladium

such a Goliath, a company that shows for the network, the high cost Pilger programmes and has documentary teams in India and Latin America? It certainly seems unlikely; and it also seems unlikely that areas like HTV or Southern will be required to produce programmes for the network, although Southern does talk about "possible" networking.

The Midlands franchise will

The Midlands franchise will, Lord Windlesham thinks, be easily the most expensive to operate. And that alone rules operate. And that out all opposition.

So, not a dramatic solution in the Midlands, as the IBA concedes. The arrangement will maintain it as one of the main regional sources of high-quality programmes for the whole ITV network. It also means the status quo so far as the con-trolling hand is concerned, unless an already successful company is to be put out of business.

For something entirely different, then, the viewer is prob-ably going to have to look beyond the next lot of franchises to the fourth channel, or the second as ITV chiefs

The Government's Broadcast ing Bill, now imminent, will give us a few more clues as well as giving legizimacy to the next stage in the life of inde-pendent television.

> Kenneth · Gosting

Law Report January 29 1980

Chancery Division

Council liable for gypsy nuisance

Page Motors Ltd v Epsom and Ewell Borough Council Before Mr Justice Balcombe, sit-ting as an additional Chancery judge.

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council were held liable for any loss suffered by Page Motors Ltd.
due to the presence of gypsies on
the Nonsuch Estate as from
January 1, 1975. Fils Lordship January 1, 1975. His Lottship directing an inquiry as to what damage, if any, had been suffered, said that it was not reasonable for the council to have taken five years to find a solution, and that if an alternative site had been provided within the borough the problem could have been solved within a year.

within a year.

Mr T. L. G. Cullen, QC, and
Miss Hazel Williamson for Page
Motors; Mr Konrad Schiemann
and Mr Nicholas Huskinson for the council.
HIS LORDSHIP said that in

July 1973, the council agreed to grant Page Motors, a family com-pany, a 99-year lease of 1.96 acres pany, a 99-year lease of 1.96 acres on the estate, the company agreeing to erect certain industrial buildings from which they could carry on their business of sale and repair of motor cars. The cost of the buildings was £180,000. A lease was granted at a rent of £14,112 a year for the first 11 years from February, 1974, and thereafter at a rent to be agreed. At first there were a few gypsy carvaris on the estate, and their presence was known to the council. Under Part II of the Caravan Sites Act, 1968, Surrey Council had a statutory duty to provide adequate sites for gypsies residing in or resorting to the area, but in November, 1973, there was no such site in the borough was no such site in the borough council's area. From 1974 the number of gypsy

From 1974 the number of gypsy caravans increased rapidly, reaching a maximum of 74 in 1977. The behaviour of the gypsies of which Page Motors complained included burning rubber tyres, causing acrid smoke, obstructing access, failing to control dogs with the result that customers were attacked, etc. Their presence assaulted all the senses. His Lordship found that the matters of complaint were fully established: Customers became afraid to come, and suppliers refused to deliver goods. The inference was irresistible that a large part of a drop in turnover was attributible to their presence. Orders were obtained for possession, but none was enforced, sometimes because the county council not to, since to have done so would simply have transferred the problem elsewhere.

In lanuary 1975, the county

where. In January 1975, the county council asked the borough council to reconsider their decision that no official sites could be provided within the borough. In June 1975, the borough council abandoned their attitude. Eventually in 1978, after a variety of negotiations and discussions, two temporary sites were established with the necessary facilities, and were comwere established with the necessary facilities, and were completed and occupied by nominated families. The gypsy representatives kept their word and the surplus unauthorized caravans left the borough. Since October, 1978, Page Motors had had no further cause for complaint.

His Lordship accepted Mr Schiemann's submission that it did not sufface, with hindsight, to say that the sicuation achieved in 1978 could equally well have been achieved in 1974 and that therefore the borough council had not

fore the borough council had not taken all reasonable steps. The problem had to be considered as it faced the council throughout the

period.

His Lordship also accepted that straints to which an ordinary land, owner was not subject. They had to act, and be seen to act, in a democratic manner, taking due account of the wishes of the electorate, and not rushing into a bad resulted in a loss of profits; any loss might have been counterbalanced by the reduction in rates granted on their premises.

Solicitors: Bertram White & Co; Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr A. B. Schofield, Epsom.

Court of Appeal

hasty decision until they had considered and evaluated all other possible courses.

Page Motors' claim for damages was based on misance, or alternatively on derogation from grant. The furthest that the borough course is the control of the course of the c

ough council went in taking posi-tive action to recognize the occupation of the gypsies was to provide skips for rubbish to ameliorate the nuisance. The real issue was the extent of liability where the landowner had not poses which caused a misance to his neighbour to take steps to prevent use for such purposes.

The principles, established in Sedicigh-Denfield v O'Callaghan ([1940] AC 880), were that an occupier of land was hable for the acts of a tresposser causing nuisance if he continued or adopted the nuisance; that he

d the nuisance; that he continued? a nuisance if with dge or presumed knowle of its existence he failed to take reasonable steps, though with ample time, to bring it to an end; that he "adopted" it if he made any use of the matter constituting

The law had been seveloned in Golman v Hargrave ([1967] AC 645) and Leakey v National Trust ([1980] 2 WLR 65) to cover hazards arising from natural causes. In the future it was implicit that one must take one's neighbour as one found him. The council doubtless had the resources to obtain and enforce an order for possession, but it would be unjust to hold them liable, without considering the reasons which motivated them not to do so. Their main reason was the absence of alternative sites, and pressure from the Department of the Environment not to move gypsies

from the Department of the Euviconment not to move gypsies needlessly, and from the county council.

The borough council, however, had power, under section 24 of the Caravan Sites and Courro) of Development Act, 1960, to provide sites, but had not considered that possibility. It was not reasonable to take five years to find a solution. If the will had been there from the start a year would have sufficed. sufficed.

The council were liable for any loss suffered due to the presence of the gypsies on the estate as from Jamary 1, 1975. What the council did was to adopt the nuisance. By not taking steps to move the gypsies the council were enabled to contain the gypsy problem during the five years before the solution was found.

Antorney General v Stone ([1895] 12 TLR 76) showed that Page. Motors could not themselves have acted against the gypsies.

His Lordship was glad that the law permitted him to come to a just solution. Where, as here, the nuisance resulted from a problem, local if not national, it would seem wrong if the plaintiff had to bear the whole loss caused by the delay in finding an acceptable solution. It was fair that the burden be shared—as it would be by an award of damages against the council—by the whole body of ratepayers on whose behalf the council were acting when they decided not to evict the cypsies without first allowing time for the working out of the democratic process.

It was unnecessary to decide the

cratic process. It was unnecessary to decide the question of derogation from grant, which his Lordship was not per-suaded should extend to what had happened in the present case.

An inquiry would be ordered into what damage, if any. Page Motors had sustained. It did not follow that their drop in turnover

Time limit for unfair dismissal claims

Another

The question whether it is reasonably practicable to present a claim for unfair dismissal within three months is a question of fact for the industrial tribunal to decide. Where the Citizens Advice Bureau acted as adviser when consulted by an applicant about a claim for unfair dismissal, and as a result of her understanding of their advice the claim was presented out of time, the applicant could not say that it was not reasonably practicable to have made the claim in time. Industrial tribunals should consider whether they ought to give third parties an opportunity of answering what was said about them in their absence.

The Court of Appeal dismissed Bureau acted as adviser when con-

absence.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mr. Josephine Riley from the dismissal by the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Slyan presiding: (The Times November 13, 1978; [1979] ICR 223) of her appeal from a decision of a London industrial tribunal that it had no juri-diction to hear her complaint of critair dismissal against the employers, Tesco Stores Ltd. The Greater London Citizens Advice Bureau Services Ltd was joined as an appellant before the Appeal Tribunal.

Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 1

before the Appeal Tribunal.

Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule 1 to the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act. 1974. provides:

"An industrial tribunal shall not consider a complaint... unless it is presented to the tribunal before the end of the period of three months beginning with the effective date of termination or within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable in a case where it is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to be presented within the period of three months."

Mr William Gage for Mrs Riley:

Mr T. R. A. Morison, QC, and Mr Trevor Allan for the employers; Mr Stephen Sedley for the bureau.

the bureau.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON said that he was tempted to go no farther than to say that the appeal was dismissed for the unanimous reasons given by the

appear was usualisted in the unanimous reasons given by the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The industrial tribunal had had before it evidence on which it could conclude that Mrs Riley had engaged the Citizens Advice Bureau as advisers. Paragraph 21(4) of Schedule I to the Trade Umon and Labour Relations Act, 1974, had long fixed a time limit for presenting complaints to an industrial tribunal, and the power to extend that time arose only if the tribunal was satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the complaint to have been presented within three months,

The question whether it was

general rule.

Lord Justice Waller delivered a
concurring judgment and Dame
Elizabeth Lane agreed with both

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Riley v Tesco Stores Ltd and Before Lord Justice Stephenson, Lord Justice Waller and Dame Elizabeth Lane [Judgments delivered January 28]

The question whether it was reasonably practicable to present a complaint within three months was a question of fact for the tribunal, as mentioned by all three members of the Court of Appeal in Wall's Meat Co Ltd v Khan (1979] ICR 52). His Lordship agreed with the judgment of the Master of the Rolls in that case except insofar as he did not allow for the view of Lord Justice Waller in Porter v Bandridge Ltd (1978] ICR 943, 948-9). The reported cases were helpfully digested in the judgment of Lord Justice Brandon in the Wall's Meat case.

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The principles laid down by the majority in Dedman v British Building & Engineering Appliances Ltd ([1974] 1 WLR 171) still applied to a claim under paragraph 21(4). The extension of the time limit to three mouths and the insertion of the word "reasonably" before "practicable" had led to the approach of a strict construction: the task of employers would be difficult if there could be a claim for reinstatement mouths after a dismissal.

Where an employee alleged ignorance of his right or how he should pursue it or was under a mistaken belief, the industrial tribunal should look at the circumstances of his ignorance and belief and any explauation, including advice given to him, whether the delay was reasonable on his or his adviser part. Even if either was at fault or unreasonable it was still reasonably practicable for him to have bresented his complaint in time. When considering that matter the industrial tribunal should prefer the test in Norgett v Luton Industrial Comportative Society Ltd. ([1976] ICR 442) to that in Union Cortage Co Ltd v Blunden ([19771] ICR 420).

There was no significance in the skill of the adviser, although there might be if the employee could rely on it as an excuse for not applying in time. There was evidence in the present case to support the contention that the Citizens Advice Bureau had been engaged to advise Mrc Riley, but she would nor have been in any hetter position if they were "unskilled" or If they had not been "engaged".

The present case had brought into the light the need for industrial tribunals to consider whether they should give third parties the opportunity of answering what was said about them in their absence. A witness summons could he issued by either side, but there might be many cases in which it was difficult for the employee or the adviser, and I was inadvisable to lay down a general rule.

Lord Justice Waller delivered a conte

Judaments.
Solicitors: Blakeney, Green & Pride; Lovell, White & King; Jaques & Co.



COURT **CIRCULAR**

SANDRINGHAM January 29: The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady-in-Walding to The

CLARENCE HOUSE January 29: The Hon Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell Preston as Lady-m-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE January 29: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present at the Luncheon which was held at the Narional Thenre today for the Presentation of The Evening Standard Drama Awards.

The Lady Anne Tennant was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE January 29: Princets Alice. Duchess of Gioucester. Deputy Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Anglian Regiment this afternoon received Colonel W. J. Gleadell on refinquishing command of the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion and Licutenant-Colonel D. R. Baily on assuming command.

Birthdays today

Sir Herbert Ashworth, 70; Lord Bernstein, 81; Sir Frederick Catherwood, 55; Sir Leslie Farrer, 80; Miss Christian Foyle, 69; Lord Lowry, 61; Sir Foley Newns, 71; Professor A. G. Ogston, 69; Mr Louis Osman, 66; Sir Nikolaus

Lord Coggan The life barony conferred on Dr Donald Coggan, the former Arch-histop of Canterbury, has been gazetted by the mame, style and title of Baron Coggan, of Canter-bury and of Sissinghurst in the county of Kent.

Today's engagements

Exhibitions: The Irish Inheritance.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12
Waterloo Place, Westminster.
10 to 5; Bird and Flower
Prints, Japanese Gallery, Kensington Church Street, 10 to 6;
Textile Arts of France, Victoria
and Albert Museum, 10 to 5:50;
Greek Folk Art. Hortniman
Museum, Forest Hill, 10:30 to 6.
Lectures: Bala Lake railway, by
P. Miller, Ffestiniog Railway
Society, YMCA, Chester, 7:30;
"The composer as a libretist",
by Jain Hamilton, Loudon
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, 1.
"The drawings of Anbrey
Beardslev" by Simon Wilson,
Tate Gallery 1; "The limits of
equality: some comments on
Fred Hirsch", by Professor
Raif Dahrendorf, Royal Society
of Arts, 8 John Adam Street, 6
Craft toy fair, Polka Children's
Theatre, 240 The Broadway,
Wimbledon, 2 and 8, last day.
Lunchtime music: Dorothy Eschweiler, Soprano, Lyn McLarin,
flute, John Kirkby, cello, and
Jeremy Sauds, piano, St Olave,
1.05; organ recital by Graham
Bint, St Bride's, 1.15; Su Lloyd,
plano, Holy Sepükchre, 1.15;
Memorial service: Sir Stephen
McAdden, St Margaret's Westminster, noon.

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minster, noon.

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Forthcoming | marriages

The Hou J. C. Porritt and Miss S. P. Moore The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Lord and Lady Porritt, and Penny, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Moore, of London, Ontario.

Moore, of London, Ontario.

Mr G. D. Arthur
and Miss J. C. Erskine
The engagement is announced
between Gordon Drake, elder son
of Mr and Mrs Allan Arthur, of
Mount Maskall, Borehem, Essex,
and Janer Cicely, eldest daughter
of the Hon David and Mrs Erskine, of Felsham House, Bury St
Edmunds, Sulfolk.

Captain J. R. Adderley, RHA, and Miss R. J. Tooley
The engagement is announced between John, son of Lieutenant-Colonel C. M. Adderley, MVO, and Mrs Adderley, of Chinnor. Oxfordshire, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Sir John Tooley, of Ashbury, Oxfordshire, and Mrs Brian Ball-Greene, of Cadmore End, Buckinghamshire.

Mr R E Blackburg.

End. Buckinghamshire.

Mr R. F. Blackburn
and Miss. H. C. Davies
The engagement is announced and
the marriage will take place in
August between Richard Fith,
only son of Mr and Mrs William
Blackburn, of Prince of Wales
Mansions, Harrogate, and Helen
Claire, twin daughter of Mr and
Mrs Edward Davics, of Creskeld
Drive, Bramhope.

Mr W. A. Coltman
and Miss C. E. Shaw
The engagement is announced
between William Arthur, younger
son of Dr and Mrs J. B. Coltman, of Aysgarth, north Yorkshire, and Caroline Elizabeth, only
daughter of Mr and Mrs G.
Shaw, of Rainford, Merseyside.

Mr R. J. Delaney

Mr R, J. Delaney and Miss M. E. H. James

The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs C. T. Delaney, of Wilton Row, Belgravia, and Marcia, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. James, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr C. J. Wright and Mise J. L. Peters
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs S. C. Wright, of Kingsthorne. Hereford, and lanet, daughter of Mrs D. Peters, of Hampstead, London.

Christening

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Richard Edwardes Jones was christened Charles Humphrey by the Rev C. J. Sansbury at the parish church of Long Melford, Suffolk. on Sunday, January 27. The godparents are Mr Robin Dawson, Mr Peter Wordsworth and Miss Celia Campbell.

Memorial service

Mrs J. T. Foster
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs J. T. Foster was held in Chelmstord Cathedral on January 25. Canon E. A. Finch officiated, assisted by Canon E. F. Hudson. Mr J. G. Eve gave an address.

University news

Election
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE — fellowship and praelectorship in modern history:
A. Murray, lecturer at Newrastie University.
Award: Prendergast studentastip: T. N. O'Regan. University College, Cork.

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Cambridge
Appointments as lecturers
G. W. Gibbons, MA. PhD (Clere),
mathematics and theoretical obvides:
D. M. Turner, MA, PhD (Mand), Land
economy: B. Gilenke, Dr. Phil
(Cleristian Albrecht University, Kiel),
Danish,
Award
George Peter Baker Prize in Medicine George Poler Baker Prize in Medicine (1979): R. A. Chairmers, BA, B Chir (Otteens); Mr C. H. D. Speed and Miss C. G. Maurice

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Norman Speed, of Casablanca, Morocco, and Clarissa, daughter of Mr and Mme Fernand Maurice, of St Germain en Laye, France.

Mr T. J. Cottrell and Miss J. Canner

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Flight Lleutenant D. Cottrell and Mr. Betty Cottrell, of Hove, Sussex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. R. (Charles) Canner, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr M, Petima and Miss C. Wheeler

The engagement is announced between Martin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Pettman, of The Cedars, Temerden, Kent, and Carol, younger daughter of Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, and Mrs Wheeler, of 114 Hallam Street, London, W1.

Mr A. G. K. Hamilton and Miss F. E. M. C. Millet the engagement is announced between Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs A. H. K. Hamilton, of Walton-on-Thames. Surrey, and France, younger daughter of Mrs E. M. Millet, of Crail, Fife, and of M P. L. Millet, of Paris.

Marriages

Major M. F. Guest and Mrs E. N. Sealey The marriage of Major Michael Guest and Mrs Eileen Sealey took place quietly at Winchester on Saturday, January 26, and was blessed by Canon Leslie Lloyd Rees in the Chapel of St Cross Hospital.

Dr F. Jellett and Miss D. A. Cogein and Miss D. A. Coggin.
The marriage took place in London on January 26 between Dr Francis Jellett, son of the late Dr J. H. Jellett and of Mrs F. S. Jellett, of Southampton, and Miss Deborah Anne Coggin, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. C. Coggin, of Mobile, Alabama, United States.

Mr A. Smith and Miss E. M. Lany! The marriage took place at Hamp-stead parish church on January 12 hetween Mr Alan Smith and Miss Eva M. Lanyi.

Latest wills Half of residue for trust

Mr Joseph Reginald Armitage Smith, of Rugby, former Assistant Master at Rugby School, left 2263,335 net. After personal and other bequests, he left half the residue to the Rokeby Charitable Trust, 15 per cent to the National Trust and 10 per cent to the National Art Collections Fund. Other estates include (net. before Other estates include (net, before tax; tax not disclosed):

Adams, Mr Norman Reginald, of Kilburn Park, London, company director £241,847 director £241,847
Chapman, Mr William Horace, of
Ashtead, intestate . £123,029
Eckersley, Mrs Lilian Isabella, of
Northwood

Hall, Mr William Stanley, of Uttoxeter, intestate . £150,442
Hool, Mr Bertram Stable, of Ulverston, farmer . £352,780
John, Mr Howell Thomas, of Beth, surgeon Mr Could House £133,142 John, Mr Howell Thomas, or betth, surgeon

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Lewis, Mr Cyrfi Herbert Stanley, of Hammersmith

f159,178
Postlethwaite, Miss Eleanor, of Barrow-in-Furness

f149,862
Jervois, Mrs Daphne Hilda, of Winchester

f144,472
Shiell, Mrs Stella Marguerite, of Shiell, Mrs Stella Marguerite, of Weybridge

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and had not expected such a high ances in order provided some of the most interesting works in a buyer was the Fondation Abegg, a textile museum at Riggisberg pictures and sculpture. An oil portrait by John Singer Sargent of fellow artist Robert Brough sold broidery collection formed by Mrs

Weybridge

Walter Burns, a sister of the fine Art Society



Mr Charles Robinson working at Robert White's armoury, Covent Garden, yesterday on a replica of the Imperial State Crown being made for an American company.

£28,000 paid for panel of embroidery

By Geraldine Norman'. Sale Room Correspondent

One of the highest prices ever one of me nignest prices ever recorded at auction for embroiders was paid at Christie's South Kens-lagton yesterday when a sceal grey satin panel of applique, with figures and strapwork in yellow, sold for £28,000 (estimate £2,000 to £5,000).

The panel measures about 4ft by 5ft and dates from about 1560, It is characteristically mannerist in inspiration, with a dense geometric pattern of purti with musical instruments, harpies, hatterflues appeared musical instruments, harpies, dogs, butterflies, grotesques and fabulous beasts.

The yellow satia figures are backed with paper to give a three-dimensional effect and their muscles have even been embroidered in Christle's had been provided by its freelle condition.

worried by its frigile condition and had not expected such a high price; however, several museums were interested and the successful buyer was the Fondation Abegg.

American banker and collector J. Pierpon: Morgao. The collection was sent for sale by Mrs Burns s granddaughter, the Hon Mrs John Mulholland.

complete.

The auction of textiles and emhroldery was well attended and several museums had sent agents The Victoria and Albert Spent £300 (estimate £150 to £250) on E300 (estimate £150 to £250) on part of a sixtuenth-century Spanish crimson velvet chasuble embroidered with skulls and strapwork in coloured silks, gold and silver thread. A 15in square raised-work panel from a seventeenth-century Lord Chancellor's purse, incorporating the English royal arms, made £2,000 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) to a private collector. The sale totalled £59,778, with 8 per cent unsold.

At Phillips's the efforts of the Chelsea Arts Club to put its finances in order provided some of the most interesting works in a sale of impressionist and modern

They have found that the inci-dence of XO spontaneous abor-

dence of XO spontaneous abor-tions is four times greater among women under 25 than among older women. They know that neither the age of the father nor the number of provious pregnancies can explain their results. Clearly, XO conceptions seem

to be associated with a young maternal age, although it is by no means obvious how the link

Further evidence of the link is

in Roberts's earlier work, was the reduction of the human figure to a series of tubular forms. It has been suggested that this was a comment on the mechanical tendency of modern life, but it is more likely to have been an artistic expedient for convenience in composition, and that the Florentine masters, Negro sculpture, Cubism and Vorti-cism all played some part in deciding in Assertment Polymers deciding it At any rate Roberts was a striking instance of the benefit to the artist of the discipline afforded by extreme simplification on geometrical lines. In his later work Roberts receded somewhat from his tubular forms, but there always remained a reminder of Cézanne's remark that the have been much interested in forms of nature approximate to the cylinder, the sphere or the cone. Roberts did not proceed to the later experiments of Cubism in the decomposition and superimposition of forms,

its telephones cut off.
At that point Lewis, after a

and superimposition of forms, but contented himself with its gains in solidity.

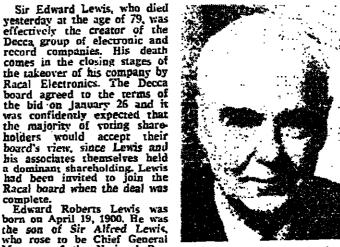
On the psychological side a constant and increasing character in the work of Roberts was a sardonic Cockney humour. He might almost be said to have made Phil May solid, or even to have mechanized Rowlandson. His most typical works were intricate compositions of were intricate compositions of Were intracte compositions of Londoners engaged in work or recreation, under such titles as "The Char". "Sun Bathing", "Primrose Hill", "The Chess Players" and "The Bout Pond". Even when the titles alluded to the past, as in "The Garden of Follow" and "The Players" and "The Boat
Pond". Even when the titles
alluded to the past, as in "The
Garden of Edan" and "The
Prodigal Departs"—an enchanting picture with great variety
of character is the heads and ing picture with great variety of character in the heads and of character in the heads and gestures of the group surgood instance of the truth of man—the personalities represented were still Londoners of the "gawblimey" type, whose raucous voices seemed to resound through the canvas.

Where these pictures differed from the usual representations of similar subject matter was that they was constructive with the group surgery to the forms after the war—a gexamples of his favoured genre in water colour executed with unflagging interest in the London scene. One of the best of his later works which drew more natural forms from the barriers of the Abstract"—bar subject matter was the strong the samples of his favoured genre in water colour executed with unflagging interest in the London scene. One of the best of his later works which drew more natural forms from the Samples of his favoured genre in water colour executed with unflagging interest in the London scene. One of the best of his later works which drew more natural forms from the Unden scene. One of the best of his later works which drew more natural forms from the usual representations of similar subject matterion in human interest of the rigidity of subject matching that of style.

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of similar subject matter was under his armour of geothat they were constructive metry, to put it that way, rather than descriptive or illustrative. They were as tive artist. He was primarily a interesting in design as they draughtsman and composer, ex-

OBITUARY SIR EDWARD LEWIS Creator of the Decca group



Manager of the National Pro-vincial Bank, and was educated at Rugby School and Trinity College, Cambridge. While still in his middle twenties he started his own Stock Exchange record artists, and his choices (and those of the staff men whom he chose) brought riches whom he chose) brought riches to the record side of the business. It's no use arguing with the public about what it wants? was his motto. He always felt a particular sentimental debt to Bing Crosby, whose record contract he acquired when he bought Brunswick. (The only real firm (which still continues, with his son as senior partner, under its original ritle of E. R. Lewis & Co). Though he remained a member of the Stock Exchange and participated in the affairs acquired when he bought Brunswick. (The only real mistake came later, when Decca after an audition turned down the Beatles!) of the firm, the whole course of his business life was changed by the fact that his firm sponsored the public share issue of

Meanwhile the company, which for a time had been conthe Decca Record Company in 1928 and a further issue in 1929. In 1930 the company got into financial difficulties, its cerned only with records, graniophones and radio. granophones and radio. Into its great wealth. In the properties of w bankers threatened to foreclose and at one time it actually had few months' tussle with the Board, took effective control and joined the Board himself. Though he had intended to stay on the Board only a few months; he wordwalls took the months, he gradually took the running of the business into his own hands. In 1933 the com-

own hands. In 1933 the company was short of money again, after buying the Brunswick company, and an offer of new shares to shareholders produced only £23,000 out of an offer of £120,000. Lewis and his family and friends took up the rest of consumer business pushed the company into heavy borrowings. This month it ennounced this issue—not without con-siderable family hardship in the the sale of the bulk of its record business to the Germanprocess of finding the money.

From that point the business prospered under Lewis's direction. "Ted" Lewis had an eye and an ear for popular record outsiness to the CermanDutch Polygram company.

Decta, however, remained one of the world's leading manufacturers of radar and marine navigation equipment.

in those twin pillars of the private enterprise system, compedition and the profit motive. Always cheerful and unruffled, and by nature a "good mixer", he maintained an informal and friendly relationship with his Decca colleagues at all levels. and in some respects his manner of conducting the group's affairs was unusual by the standards of most big public companies. Though he was for practical purposes the chief executive from 1937 onwards, he gave himself no official position except that of a member of the Board until 1957, when he assumed the chairmanship. He never rook a salary or a penny for expenses (even for his frequent gavels leven for his frequent travels to all parts of the world on the company's business). He never claimed or set out to be a technical expert, but successfully supervised and coordinated the work of many outstanding technical men, and his achievements in this field were recognized by the award in 1967 of nized by the award in 1967 of the Gold Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for services to the development of electronics. He was knighted in

Lewis was a fervent believer

In private, his mode of living was modest for a person who had acquired (at any rate before capital taxes had started eating mto it) great wealth. Though he and his family appreciated works of art and most material hundred employees, grew to a special interest was cricker; he paint where its payroll exceeded 10.000.

It was only during the past two years that Decca fell on hard times. The collapse of its Margaret ("Maise") Hutton, 1923 Mary

Margaret (" Maisie ") Hutten, who died in 1958. In 1973 ha married Jemie Smith, There were two sons of the first marriage, but one was drowned while still at Rugby School when trying to rescue a boy at the Rugby Boys Clubs summer comp. The other is a senior partner in the Stock Exchange firm of E. R. Lewis & Co.

MR WILLIAM ROBERTS

It was not without signifi-

cance that Roberts was the son of a carpenter, because a workmanlike firmness of construction was characteristic of all he did. He was born in London on June 5, 1895. At the age of sixteen he won an LCC scholarship in drawing which enabled him to go to the Slade School, where he studied for three years and became an excellent draughtsman. Then after working for a while under Roger Fry in the Omega Work-shops he joined the Vorticist Group under the leadership of Wyndham Lewis, but though he accepted the general principles of Vorticism as put forward in Blast and signed the Vorticist manifesto he does not seem to aesthetic theories.

his manner of simplification and his rather grim feeling for character were well suited to what he saw as official war artist. Such pictures as "Hoisting Camouflage", with its effect of frantic haste and emphasis upon the corrugated folds of canyas and uniforms, and the large painting of "Gas Attack", representing the first use of gas against a Canadian division, made for the Canadian War Memorial, are eloquent of both Memorial, are eloquent of both the horrors of modern warfare and the harsh nature of its equipment and surroundings.

of his forms after the war - a

Mr William Roberts, the were racy in character, and a distinguished painter, died on fair general description of them shough he made little attempt to develop it in an atmospheric direction his colour, if harsh in accord with his subjects, was generally well balanced. His portraits which, though firmly simplified, were more realistic than his subject pictures, had a deservedly high reputation.

Roberts is well represented at the Imperial War Museum and in the Canadian War Memorial. The Tate Gallery has his "The Char", presented by Lord, then Sir Joseph, Duveen in 1926, and his self-portrair.

acquired in 1940. The abilities of Roberts as a portrait painter were offi-cially recognized, and in 1940 he was selected by the Artists' Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Information to point the portrait of Major-General McNaughton, GOC, Canadian Forces.

aesthetic theories.

It was the war of 1914-1918
that gave Roberts an opportunity to prove his mettle, Both his manner of simplification and his rather grim feeling for character were well suited to what he saw as official war. Works of his were purchased Association, while it lasted, the New English Art Club and the London Group, all of which bodies he was a member, and in recent years also exhibited in recent years also exhibited at the Royal Academy, being elected ARA in 1958 and RA in 1966. One-man shows of his work were held at the Cooling, Lefevre and Leicester Galleries. At his Lefevre Gallery Exhibition in 1938, an interesting light was thrown upon his thorough methods by the thorough methods by the inclusion with finished paintings of preliminary studies for them, both drawings and watercolours. A one-man exhibition at the Leicester Galleries in 1957 showed both portraits and examples of his favoured genre

> was held at the Tate Gallery in 1965 and he continued to exhibit at the Royal Academy right up to last year.

MR JIMMY DURANTE

Mr Jimmy Durante, the film and stage comedian, who was celebrated for his Cyrano de Bergerac nose and explosive non-stop patter, died in Lus Angeles yesterday at the age of per

The coming of sound in the cinema made some reputations and destroyed others. Players with stage experience enjoyed a considerable advantage; those like Durante who had a visual appeal as well as a natural gift for talking were immediately successful. The sound era ushered in the "wisecrack"— the American-style epigram, delivered fast. Jimmy Durante, an effervescent and vehement little man with a becoming line in malapropisms, was ideally suited to the early sound films. Indeed he had much in common with his distinguished contemporary. Walt Disney's Doneld Duck. Both protested loudly and eloquently; both endured fearful spasms of

bis father's saloon before was at all times a warm-becoming a photo-engraver, a hearted and endearing comedance-band pianist and a dance-band organizer. Then he formed from the golden era of the a vaudeville trio of Clayton, music-hall; and his big nose legislating and Divisions was his former, he never tried

sound films, Roadhouse Nights. in 1929. Previously he had appeared on Broadway in Show Girl, and for the next decade he was to be seen regularly on the stage in New York and in the cinema. He was first seen in London at the Palladium in June 1936, as a single turn in a

variety act.
His first real success in the cinema was with William Haines in Get Rick Quick Wallingford in 1931, and soon afterwards he gove valuable support to Buster Keaton in The Passionate Plumber, in which, indeed, he rather stole the picture from the lugubrious star. Thereafter he continued to be one of those invaluable supporting players whom Hollywood had such a talent for discovering, and whose work so often helped to holster up a story that was otherwise weak or lacking in humour. The screen was never either dull or static while Durante was appearing for it was his habit irustration. appearing, for it was his habit
Jimmy Durante — or to take every part he pleyed
"Schnozzle" Durante as he was destined to be known on account of his remarkable of it was only vehemence. In olfactory organ—was born on the 1950s he became a well-the East Side, New York, on February 19, 1893. He was the son of a barber, and worked in the continuing with occasional appearances in the cinema. He

ACM SIR GEORGE PIRIE Air Marshal Sir Thomas W.

Elmhirst writes:
May I add to your excellent tribute to George Pirie. We were students together at the RAF Staff College in 1925. He passed out very near the top and among his pursuits between lectures was giving me "dual" and passing me our "solo" on a World War I Bristol Fighter, (I had previously only piloted airships and flying boats!). As you said George Pirie made his name as Tedder's Ad-ministrative officer in the Miedle East Command in 1941-42. I was lucky enough to have hips at my back both then and in 1944-45 when he was Director-General of Organization at the Air Ministry and I, in both periods, was head of Air Force Administration in the field. He was one of the few senior staff officers who, in war, if he had your confidence would give approval to an urgent request on the telephone without the delay of referring it to Higher Authority, though he might say let us have a follow up in writing".

A week after VE day in 1945 I was over from Germany to discuss with him the demobilization scheme. I saw a large file at his elbow and enquired. He said he had just signed a minute authorizing the purchase of the vegetable fields Jackson and Durante, who was his fortune—he never tired Heathrow for the site of the appeared in one of the earliest of extolling it.

Mr Hamish Gray, Minister of State, Department of Energy, was host at a luncheon given yester-day at Lancaster House in honour of Señor Jorge de Morals, Minis-ter of Petroleum, Angola.

Inter-Parliamentary Union Inter-Parliamentary Union, Inter-Parliamentary Union, Mr John Page, MP, was host yesterday at a luncheon beld in the House of Commons in honour of Dr Rafael Caldera Rodriguez, president, Inter-Parliamentary

president, Council. Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress entertained the following guests at luncheon at the
Mansion House yesterday:
The Earl and Countess of Lauderdale,
Mr and Mrs L. Burfield, Mr and Mrs
Lin Chin-sheng, Hear Adultal
Action of the Countess of Lauderdale,
Mrs. Cooks and Mrs. William Fosier.
Mr and Mrs. Alex Ramsey and Mr and
Mrs. Peter Theobald.

Dinners

Mobil Oil Company Ltd
Prince and Princess Michael of
Kent attended a dinner held last
night by Mr George Pusack,
Chairman of Mobil Oil Company
Ltd, and Dr Roy Strong, director
of the Victoria and Albert
Museum, to celebrate the launch
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ing of three new gallery guides. Prime Minister The Prime Minister was host at a dinner held at 10 Downing Street yesterday in honour of Signor Prancesco Cossiga, President of the Council of Ministers, of Italy. the Council of Ministers, or Italy.
The other guests were:
Signor Attillo Buffini, the Italian Anbassador, Ambassador Walter Gardini,
Ambassador Maurini, Bucci,
Signor Benedisto
Suntareili, Signor Sergio Bertinguer,

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Jan

Formosa crisis

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 28.—President Eisenhower's assurance that in the last resort he alone would send the Seventh Fleet into action to defend formosa has had its rallying influence on the Senare which is expected to vote him full powers before the week is out. The tenseness of these past days will be somewhat relieved by the President's intention of flying tomorrow to his golf club at Augusta, Georgia, which is just within the two-hour Hmit he had imposed on his movements from Washington... The formosa debate both in and outside. Congress has ton. The Formosa debate both in and outside Congress has reached the point of surfeit. If it has proved anything, it is the country's strong aversion, with a few individual exceptions, to war with China or to any part in Nationalist adventures. Indeed the apparent determination to defend Formosa and the Pescadores, the main prarequisite of General Eisenhower's proposals has tended to be overshadowed by the implications of his unspecified request to tions of his unspecified request to none of his unspectified request to intervene against Chinese Communist threats in closely related localities; and his move is given the overwhelming justification of being a strong deterrent to war.

Boy's bravery award Simon Hall, aged 16, of Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire, has been awarded the Royal National Life-boat Institution's bronze bravery medal for the rescue of another teenage boy from drowning in the case ing in the sea.

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Signor Lindovico Incias di Camerana, Lord Hallsham of St. Mary Johone, Lord Hallsham of St. Mary Johone, Lord Strom, Ade. Sir Geoffrey Rippon, Oc. 81P. Sir Jan Gilmour, MP. Sir Pully Money, De Son Pater Morrison, MP. Moory, the Hon Peter Morrison, MP, Sir Germat Exans, Str Charlas Forte, Sir Dents Hamilton, Sir Claus Moser, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Mckael Palliser, Sir Romald Arculus, Mr Hugh Rossi, MP, Mr K. Marks, MP, Professor John Hale, Mr D, R. Trowbridge, Mr Ian Gov. MP, Mr Clive Whitmore and Mr Bochard Ingham.

Britain-Australia Society The Britain-Australia Society held their annual dinner at Grosvenor House last night in celebration of their annual dinner at Grosvenor House last night in celebration of Australia Day (January 26) and in support of the Sir Robert Menzies Memorial Trust. Viscount Slim presided. Lord Carrington proposed the toast to Australia to which Mrs Peter Henderson replied. The Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, and Mr Harold Macmillan, OM, also spoke. The other guests included: The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminater; the Acting High Commissioner for Australia and Mrs Fort Viscount De L'Isle, VC, and Viscount Coff the Hrsel. Sir John Lady Rome of the Hisle Sir John and Lady Frideaux Sir Mark and Lady Thraw. Mr. Colin Cowdrey, Mr and Mrs J. A. Floyd, Mr and Mrs Stephen Hood, Mr and Mrs Bruce Matthews and the Agents General for the Australian States and their ladies.

County Surveyors' Society

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Mr Norman Fowler, Minister of
Transport, was the guest of honour
at the annual dinner of the County
Surveyors' Society held at the
Royal Automobile Club yesterday.
Colonel G. A. Leech. president,
County Surveyor of North Yorkshire County Council, was in the
chair. Among others present were:
Sir Gervas Walker, Sir Godfrey Taylor.
Sir Peter Baldwin, Colonel R. J. L.
Jackson, members and chicers of
Association of County Coulding Authoritiles. officers of the Department of
Transport and presidents of the professtonal Balditutions and local authority
officers associations.

Ministry gives decoys for Brent geese

Twenty-one plastic decoy geese have been provided by the Ministry of Agriculture to lare Wild Brent geese from the Soviet Union away from eating winter corn crops by the shores of Chichester harbour in Sussex.

The decoys have been put out on a large mown field on Thorney Island, in the harbour.

"We have counted up to 230 Brent geese grazing near the decoys at one time, so the decoys are effective", Mr Tony Prater, of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said yesterday.

Gray's Inn scholarships and awards

The following scholarships and awards have been announced by Grav's Inn for 1979:
Atkin Scholarship, Macaskie Award and prize for 1st class har final pass: David Pannick, Heriford College, Oxford, Mould Scholarship: Alexander Rill-Smith, Pembroke College, Cambridge, Band Scholarship: Siephen Suttle, Oxford, Grand Scholarship: Siephen Suttle, Oxford. Band Scholarship: Siephen Siene, Oxford genhesd Award: David Railton.
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Richard Sheidon, Jesus College, Cambridge, Richard, Sheidon, Josus Conege, Cambridge, Galler Award and Arden, Attin. Model and Reid Prize: Miss Isabel Party. Off-top College, Cambridge, Macackie Award and Prize for 1st Class bar final pass: Paul Bradley. Exercy University Shaw Award: Christopher Valda. Corpus Christ College. Cambridge. William Shaw Award and Arden, Attin. Mould and Reid Prize: Robin Tremaine. Trinity Hall. Cambridge.

By the Staff of Nature For some time it has been recognized that a woman's chances of conceiving an embryo with too many chromosomes increases after the age of 35. Now reports from several countries are showing that younger women, mostly under 25 are more likely than others to conceive embryos lacking a chromosome.

chromosome..

The embryos in question lack one of the two sex chromosomes, and instead of having two X chromosomes or oue X and one Y, they have just one X, and are known as 45 XO embryos. Although the rest of their 44 chromosomes are present, the lack of X or Y is sufficient in most cases to prevent normal development. As usual with chromosomal abnormalities, most XO conceptions end in spontaneous abortion before full term. before full term.

The best known of such abnor-

Science report

Genetics: Age and chromosomes

stature and incomplete sexual development. But in both cases have succeeded with 714 specionly a very small proportion of conceptions survive.

Dr Warburton and her colleagues have succeeded with 714 specimens for which they also know the age of the mother. The new results pointing to a link between young maternal age and XO conceptions are coming from large-scale surveys of the

chromosomes of spontaneous abortions. They have not been concerned with the few XO con-ceptions that survive to birth and are in any case thought to originate in a slightly different Dr D. Warburton and her col-

malities that can be compatible specimen and cultured a sample of with survival are an extra dose of chromosome number 21, the cause of Down's syndrome, and XO such specimens are often in a itself, resulting in Turner's syndrome, characterized by short specimens are often in a poor condition, and may be very syndrome, characterized by short difficult to grow in the laboratory.

Dr D. Warburton and her colleagues at Columbia University, New York City, report their results so far in this week's Lancet. Since April, 1974, they have been following the outcome of pregnancies at three hospitals in Manhattan, and have identified about 4,000 which ended in sponsable they collected the aborted specimen and cultured a sample of cells to establish the chromosome constitution.

Further evidence of the link is coming from similar studies being conducted by Dr T. Kajii and colleagues in Geneva and Dr P. A. Jacobs and colleagues in Hawaii. For the time being, however, the link they have uncovered must become one more puzzling aspect of the much bigger puzzle, why only about 30 per cent of human conceptions ever survive to birth, with the rest becoming what the experts call foetal wastage.

Architecture report

The little things that still matter

The second peculiarity is that at operation in the Northlands area of the new school have features of the new school have at courtyard the whiteness of the walls are solid and the windows the proportion they are in order to conserve energy. The exterior is painted white to reflect light up and into the classrooms. The wide caves are provided to the features of the rain. In hot weather the double doors can open to allow accountrast between dark windows and gleaming white walls, pertly from the deep caves of the overlanging roof, and partly from its overall neatness, which extends, even, to a hipped gable in true Durch barn fashion.

The building combines an infrant's school, a small community centre planned with Basildou Development Corporation which allows adults to use the school hall and music room after hours, and a hall for an adjacent junior school.

A Methodist church adjoins the

a hall for an adjacent junior school.

A Methodist church adjoins the building and the complex (for it is that) is within a district centre that includes shops, flats doctor's surgery and old people's housing. In short it is a key building for the new district of Northlands which is planned to grow to a population of 10,000 within five years.

a population of 10,000 within live years.

The first peculiarity, symptomade of the times, is that such a focal building for such a large development should be designed in such an unesservive manner. A building with this function in the central area: of a new district with have had one would have night have had, one would have might have had, one would have thought, the same monumental impact that its equivalent — the parish church—would have had in medieval days.

Not so. The concept of the "necessary monument," is out of fashion, killed by the poor monumentality of buildings which did not deserve that role.

roof is pitched to allow access to the ducting in the roof space. Admirable as this is, one cannot help feeling that there is a whiff of the post hoc ergo propter hoc argument. Is it no longer acceptable to committees and to the public that a building should be designed in a delightful way? Is that not a sufficient justification? tion?
Moreover, what a circuitous

route has to be travelled to arrive back at the stage of designing a building as it used to be done without all this intellectualizing.

A seminal book published early in the century was called Little things that matter. The Pitsea Briscoe School contains many of the recommended features—eares, small windows, pitched roofs—demonstrating, perhaps that those "little things" still matter 60 years later:

A significant point of interest is how the architects have dealt with interior lighting, given that the area of window to wall is much less than has been normal in modern schools. The proportion

in modern schools. The proportion is 17 per cent, which includes Adequate natural lighting has the period by planning each teaching base as a peninsula projecting from the main areas. Thus

being developed includes complex heat recovery machinery. heat recovery machinery.

A hullding under construction, delightfully known as Walton the Gunfleet School, resembles a large single-storey, flat-roofed box, topped by an enormous Crystal Palace-like greenhouse unit over

the centre.
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tional and energy-saving terms. The results will make interesting

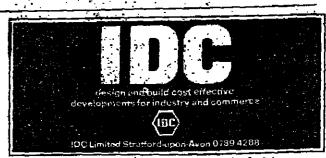
In this case, the energy con-servation measures become very complicated and the design de-velopment included estimates of solar income obtained from the Cranfield Institute of Technology.

By tackling two completely dif-ferent approaches at once, Essex County Council is demonstrating the importance of not being too dogmatic in how buildings should be constructed. e constructed. Both approaches will have their supporters, and both — sooner or later — will be assessed for rela-tive performance in both educa-

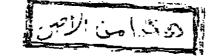
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IN BRIEF

Iran offers redress to nationalized banks

Mr Ali Reza Norbari, Iran's central bank governor, said yesterday that foreign banks will be compensated for their stakes in ventures absorbed into lran's newly nationalized banking system. Compensation will be awarded once the net worth of the banks is worked

The central bank has also cancelled all the licences of linited States banks operating

that interest on government loans will be paid, although linited States banks would have to use funds blocked in the United States banking system.

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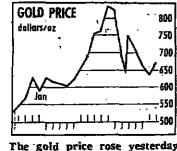
The Turkish Government has The Turkish Government has announced in Ankara plans for repayment of nearly 51,900m (about £844m) of arrears on unguaranteed supplier credits.

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Gear plant to close

Borg-Warner Corporation says it will close its Letchworth, Hertfordshire, transmission plant and consolidate its British transmission operations at the Kenfig plant in south Wales.

Oil price lifts gold



The gold price rose yesterday on the news of some oil price rises, and closed in London at \$670 an ounce, up \$45 on Mon-

R-R choose Atlanta

Atlanta is the most likely location for Rolls-Royce's pro-posed United States jet engine assembly plant, says Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman of the British firm, who is in Atlanta for the official opening of Rolls-Royce's first United Stateshased engineering office.

Midland licence

Shell and the British National Oil Corporation have been awarded a licence to explore and produce oil in the Midlands near Stafford.

Wall St turnover up

Turnover on the New York Stock Exchange increased to 55,480,000 shares but the Dow Jones industrial average closed slightly down at 874.40.

\$3,080m deficit

This December the United States has registered its largest monthly trade deficit for months \$3,080m (about £1,969mt s The defice for all of

Correction

The picture which appeared on page 15 yesterday was not of Mr Emile van Lennep, Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Coopera-tion and Development, but of Mr Max van Lennep. We apolo-

Alfred Herbert to cut back 700 jobs in 'final fight' for the group's survival

Alfred Herbert, the once-proud flagship of the British machine-tool industry, is to embark on a new reorganization plan, including a cutback of 700 jobs, in what was described yesterday as a final bid for survival.

The group, owned by the National Enterprise Board, has been refused further state aid oeen rerusen turther state and and is now in the grip of a severe cash crisis. The new plan envisages total concentra-tion on production of high technology machine tools and the progressive disposal of remaining activities.

Herbert's forecast losses for 1979 of \$1,500,000. a figure exacerbated by last year's en-gineering strikes, are likely to be exceeded. Mr Peter Rippon, the group chairman, said yes-terday that without the re-organization losses for 1980 would be higher.
Two hundred of the redun-

dancies are to occur at the company's main machine tool lant at Edgwick in Coventry at which the new range of advanced machines will be built. About 260 jobs will be lost at the Herbert Tooling and Red Lane works in Covenity, 100 at Mackadown Lane in Rirmingham, and 27 at the Herbert DeVlieg factory at Lutter-

markering and sales onerations are to be decentra-lized and 104 staff employees at the company's headquarters are to be made redundant.

The redundancies, some of which will start in 30 days' time, will reduce the labour force to 3,800 and mean that, since 1969, the company has cut the number of workers by more than 68 per cent.
Mr Rippon, who became chairman last autumn, said:
"We can keep going as long as

we don't suffer severe repercussions from strikes or disrup-tive action by our own employees. Herbert is not in a position to take chances."
Herbert's latest crisis comes

Decca chief

after Racal

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Mr Lees (left) and Mr Rippon explaining the Herbert reorganization plan at yesterday's press conference.

markets.

after several years of Govern-ment funding which has failed to produce consistent profitability. Since 1975, the company has received £43m of public money and Mr Rippon said it was told by the NEB ten weeks ago that there would be no more and that the company must be self-financing. The NEB also said that the

company's total horrowing faci-lity of £16m could not be increased except on a temporary basis to finance redundancies. In 1976, Herbert borrowed 55m from the NEB to finance the building of machine tools for stock. Mr Walter Lees, the chief executive, said these machines had now been sold but that current stocks of £40m were "£12m too high".

Streamlining of the business is to include disposal of some fringe activities. These include Herbert Sigma, which makes

Herbert Sigma, which makes industrial measuring devices and Switches, Atritor, which produces pulverizing machines. Herbert Numerical Controls, the Red Lane reconditioning centre and various property assets.

Mr Rippon said the company

that the Mackadown Lane site may be closed.

The cuts will reduce Herbert's machine tool production capacity by 20-25 per cent and the company is pinning its hopes on a smaller range of machines with sophisticated control systems that it hopes will be ahead of the competition in both home and export

Herbert has spent three years and 12m plus Depart-ment of Industry grants, developing the new machines.
The first, a £50,000 numerical control lathe called Husky, was launched last year and there are currently orders for 40, of which 20 have been delivered. Two more machines will be introduced this year and another in 1981.

Mr Rippon said the company was intent on attacking growth markets and producing machines that would be commarkets petitive with any in the world. Herbert's soles this year were expected to rise to £70m from £60m last year. The reorganization plan, he added, was "not a palliative to overcome the problems of the past. We be-lieve we have a real chance of DeVlieg and Herbert Tooling lieve we operations and gave warning success".

New consumer credit

By Alison Mitchell

Sir Edward Lewis, the chairman of Decca, died yesterday only days after his board had recommended the £70m sale of the company to Racal Elec-Sir Edward, 79, who knew

that he was critically ill, had committed the 17.2 per cent of the ordinary capital owned by himself, his family and related trusts to Racal. Arrangements were made accordingly and his death will not affect the trans-

Racal has already built up a 5 per cent stake in Decca and another 8 per cent of the ordinary shares, currently in Swiss trusts, is likely to support

The Kuwait Investment group and Prudential Assurance, which between them control a further 17 per cent of the equity, have yet to commit themselves but Racal and its advisers will be holding discussions with them this week. Even if the Racal takeover is thwarted by a counter-bid it will still accept Sir Edward's

own and related holdings.
Decca announced yesterday
that Sir Edward's deputy, Mr
Nigel Graham Maw, will take over as chairman. Following President Carter's announcement that the defence budget is to be increased by \$15.000m and helped by a rechnical position in the market, Racal shares rose 11p mesterday to 242p, taking Decca fordinary shares 20p higher to 395p and the "A" 12p better

to 352p.
At that level the Racal terms value Decca at £70m. Serious discussions went on between Racal and Decca for about a week before Sir Edward recommended the terms to shareholders last Friday.

rules on advertising due in October

Correspondent

From October 6 advertisements and quotations in relation to consumer credit and hire purchase facilities will have to show the total charge for credix expressed as an

annual percentage rate. This requirement, intended to assist consumers in comparing one credit offer with another, is the principal provision in new orders or regulations under the 1974 Consumer Credit Act which were laid before Parliament yesterday.

It will be an offence to convey information in an advertisement offering credit which is in any material sense false or misleading. Advertisements for the supply of goods or services on credit which are not also available for cash will be banned.

The regulations divide consumer credit advertisements into three categories. In simple advertisements no indication that credit is available beyond the name or occupation of the advertiser will be permitted. Intermediate advertisements containing basic information about credit facilities available will also have to state whether

security is required and indicate that quotations are available on request. If a cash price is quoted in intermediate advertisements the annual percentage rate of the total credit charge will also have to be shown.

Full advertisements will contain the full range of informa-tion relating to the agreements

offered. For hire purchase it the cash price, the total amount payable on credit terms, the annual percentage rate, the frequency and number of payments, and the amount of the payments.

Quotations for regulated consumer credit agreements will have to disclose all the relevant details, as required in full advertisements.

The regulations will not apply to mortgage leading by local authorities or building societies. Other exemptions include advertisements relating to monthly account credit, in-surance policies on mortgaged properties, and certain consumer hire agreements with statutory undertakings.

An order effective from April 28 adds to the list of agree-ments exempted from provisions of the Consumer Credit Act and regulations which come into force on the same date alter the method by which the total charge for credit and the annual percen-tage rate are to be calculated.

The Office of Fair Trading is preparing literature to explain the regulations, which will be available from local authority trading standards departments.

A briefing note will be issued by the OFT this week, and those wishing to be placed on the mailing list should write to the OFT, Government Buildings Francourd Assure Associated ings, Bromyard Avenue, Acton, London, W3 7BB.

There is widespread concern in the credit industry about the effect the new regulations may have. Annual percentage rates that will have to be shown in advertisements would range as high as 1,600 per cent for some short-term unsacured loans cur-rently offered. nificant proportion of membership wanted it.

Survey of large investors challenges Stock Exchange reluctance to change practices

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Financial Editor Changes in the present struc-ture of the British stock market

are inevitable and the Stock Exchange should accept the fact now. 'This in essence is the most controversial point to emerge from a new survey of 24 institutional investors on the future of the securities industry commissioned by stockbrokers

Grieveson, Grant.

At a time when the Stock Exchange is preparing for a long battle to preserve the basic structure of the market intact — including preservation of the single capacity trading system and maintenance of ixed brokerage commissions the new report threatens to in-flame 1 simmering debate.

In about two years' time the Stock Exchange is due to make its case before the Restrictive Practices Court. The attitude of institutional investors towards institutional investors towards the future structure of the market is considered crucial if the Stock Exchange is to make headway.

for the Stock Exchange. Most of the Institutions interviewed by researcher Mr Francis Kinsman doubted whether the ing a degree of negotiation of

fixed commission structure could remain intact and more than half said they would wel-come controlled change involvbrukerage rates.

Big changes

urged in

training of

By Adrienne Gleeson

prises.

accountants

Recommendations for radical

chartered accountants are made today in a report from the influential 100 Group of chartered accountants, whose

members are drawn from

senior financial managers in

the major London-based indus-trial and commercial enter-

public practice and permit selected companies in industry

and commerce to introduce approved training schemes The report is the culmi-

nation of a year's study by a working party under the chairman hip of Mr Michael Julian, finance director of BICC. It

the accounting profession, whose members ollegiance is

public interest. A long period of uncertainty

Although it was recognized that such change would involve cutbacks and redundancies among brokerage houses, it was considered that phased change could enable this to happen without too much distress.

The survey suggested that many institutions thought the present level of Stock Exchange commissions was too high and that the result of negotiation would be to bring down rates to around 80 per cent of those existing at

On the other burning but related issue, that of a move from single to dual capacity trading under which the market would not be divided between stockjobbers and stockbrokers, the survey found that the Stock Exchange would probably lose its case in the court on the ground that there were theo-retically restrictive elements in the Rule Book although they were not actually against the

was inevitable, followed at worst by a rushed decision without room for manoeuvre. The institutions, while not agreeing with the reference to the court (a decision which was upheld by the present Government), felt that there were

But once again there was a call for gradual change and an appeal to the Stock Ex-change—although it could be expected to hold out until the bitter end—to come up with a strong contingency plan for use in the event that the cuse was lost. The institutions hoped that their views would be taken into close consideration in the process.

The panel selected for the survey included five insurance companies, four pension funds, four investment trusts, three unit trusts and four merchant banks. Among them were the Prudential, British Airways Pension Fund, Commercial Union, Hambros and Scottish Widows.

But while the majority appeared to want negotiated commission rates there was resistance to the idea of paying for stockbrokers' research. In the United States, where nego-tiated commissions were introduced in 1975, a result has been for brokers to "un-bundle" their analytical research and ask investors to pay for something which had previously been included in the

Institutions questioned feared that any sudden shakeout could mean that the general level of

review of the entire structure full and more analysts would desirable.

research from brokers would full and more analysts would have to be taken on by instituhave to be taken on by institu-tions to compensate for this.

There was also strong resistance to the idea of brokers being involved in fund management, although most respondents wanted brokers to expand into diversified finan-cial advisory areas. The mer-chant banks interviewed were particularly aggressive on this point. Not only was the com-petitive element unpopular, but there were also suggestions that unnaturally high commissions were subsidizing brokers' fund management businesses.

Some were so strongly opposed to brokers' fund management operations that they were considering breaking off relationships with brokers who were in competition with them, or were contemplating giving evidence against the Stock Exchange in the Restric-tive Practices Court. Overall the institutions left

Overall the institutions left that the Stock Exchange's response to the events which threatened such fundamental change in the securities markets was disappointing. The Stock Exchange Council was felt to be weighted towards the stocklighter's point of riew, lethough jobbers' point of view (although in fact only four jobbers are on the 46-man council) and not enough consideration was given to institutional investor opinion.

Gulf states' price rise for crude is setback for Saudi Arabia

By Nicholas Hirst

By Nicholas Hirst
Energy Correspondent
Saudi Arabia's second attempt
in just over a month to end the
pricing disorder in the international oil market failed yesterday as four Gulf producing
states raised the cost of their
crudes by \$2 a barrel.
A further round of petrol
price increases now seems cer-

depend on the action taken by the British National Oil Cor-poration, which effectively con-trols the price of half the oil used by United Kingdom In their report, "Training and Development of Finance Managers for Industry and Commerce", the 100 Group says that the chartered institutes should as soon as possible break the monopoly on training held by the firms in public oractice and permit. refiners.

would put up to 3p on a gallon of four-star at the pumps. It would be the third rise for most companies since the December meeting of the Organization of

Petroleum Exporting Countries in Caracas, Venezuela, failed to fix a unified level for members'

reflects a growing belief by senior managers in industrial and commercial companies that the traditional practical train ing of prospective chartered accountants as articled clerks with firms in public practice is Tokyo, Jan 29 no longer relevant to those who move into industry or commerce after qualifying.

Mr Julian says that the best answer is the integration of

at present split between six different accounting bodies— the Institutes of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, in Scotland, and in Ire-land, the Association of Cost and Management Accountants, the Association of Certified Accountants, and the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy, Proposals for integrating the pro-fession were thrown out by the

chartered accountants in 1970.

The 100 Group says that all or part of these original integration proposals should be revived, although its principal recommendations (for training with industrial and commendations) recommendations (for training with industrial and commercial companies, and for the "streaming" of recruits according to their likely specialization in public practice or in industry or commerce) are made in the apparent expec-tation that the appeals for intewestern allies. gration will fall on deaf ears. However, Mr Day

However, Mr David
Richards, of Deloitte Hoskins
& Sells and the president of
the Institute of Chartered
Accountants in England and
Wales, says that integration is
still the policy of the council
of the institute and that the

crude and left them free to charge what they liked

price increases now seems cer-tain, but the size of the rise will

An across-the-board increase of S2 a barrel by all producers

Yesterday's decision by the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait.
Iraq and Qatar, all considered moderates within Opec, to raise their prices by \$2 a barrel is a sharp blow to Saudi Arabia's

In an attempt to achieve a unified pricing structure at Caracas Saudi Arabia raised its prices sharply from \$18 to \$24 before the meeting to try to set a new, higher base level from which the cost of other coun-tries' crudes could be calcu-

That move failed because the militant North African producers of light crudes, Algeria and Libya, demanded the maintenance of a \$5.50 differential from the Saudi Arabian price, which is used traditionally as a benchmark for calculations of quality and freight costs for

This was unacceptable to the Saudi Arabian delegation Shaikh Ahmedxaki Yamani, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, said his country would continue to hold the \$24 price for as long as possible. He predicted a mini-glut of oil developing and the high prices of other countries being

The attempt this week by Saudi Arabia to reestablish a unified structure by increasing its price from \$24 to \$26 came as a surprise because of Shaik Yamani's earlier statements. The immediate leapfrogging— the United Arab Emirates is charging \$29.60 for its output backdated to January 1—is like a slap in the face. Libya and Algeria are now

expected to add a further increase to the prices of their own crudes, which, with surcharges in Libya's case, cost up to \$35

Japanese 'oil envoy' sent to Middle East

The Japanese government has sent Mr Sunawo Sonoda, former foreign minister, as a special envoy to the Middle East to "ensure a stable supply of Middle Eastern oil" for Japan.

According to government sources, the decision to send Mr Sonoda at the moment is designed to secure commitments for long-term supply when the situation is unpredict-

The countries he is scheduled to visit-early in February-are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates, which together supply more than 50 per cent of Japan's oil imports. These totalled 280 million tons in 1979, with 76 per cent from the Middle East. and Saudi Arabia alone account-

ing for 28.4 per cent.
Accepting the appointment as special envoy, Mr Sonoda said he would not simply be securing oil, and indicated his interest in visiting Iran, at present the target of economic sanctions from the United States and

The Japanese government and business community have resisted the American demand for sanctions on the grounds

tons or 9.9 per cent of imports in 1979. The percentage had been higher in 1978, but volume dropped sharply in 1979 after the revolution. Besides oil, Japanese in-

terests in Iran have committed an estimated total capital of more than 1,000,000m yen, in-cluding a huge 780,000m yen petrochemical complex which is almost complete. Iran issued a strong warning a couple of weeks ago that unless Japan completed the project, final construction would be awarded to on unidentified East European country. The Iranian government also said it would stop oil supplies if Tokyo acceded to the American request for sanctions.

Critics have expressed doubt as to the effect of Mr Sonoda's

The proposed visit to Iran by Mr Sonoda would not be welcomed by the United States, either, the observers noted. It was pointed out that, when Mr Henry Kissinger was United States Secretary of State. America objected to Japanese

Armitage chief gets £75,000

Mr Kennedy Campbell, chairman of Armitage Shanks has explained why the board accepted Blue Circle Industries

£30m cash and share offer. In a letter to shareholders he said that although the board believed that Armitage Shanks could continue as a highly successful independent company, the Blue Circle offer represented an outstanding oppor-tunity for Armitage to develop its potential, particularly over seas, where new markets should be opened up. Mr Campbell will retire when

Mr Campbell will retire when the offer becomes unconditional, and will receive £75.000 in cash, his car, valued at £9,000, and he will be sold the freehold of his house for £30,000. Under his service agreement which runs to 1983 Mr Campbell would have received £100.000. Mr Campbell would have re-ceived £100,000.

Shareholders who wish to take up Blue Circle's alterna-tive cash and share offer which provides one Blue Circle share plus 258p cash will be able to do so until February 21. The main offer is two Blue Circle involvement in the Middle East. Because of this, Japanese prime ministers who visited other supply countries, did not visit the Middle East, Reuter. In the Middle East, Reuter. In the Middle East, Paper at 91.7p.

Armitage shares for every six Armitage shares, valuing each Armitage share at 91.7p.

Armitage's share price rose visit the Middle East, Reuter.

Money flows back to building societies

The threat of a further rise in the mortgage rate was effec-tively removed vesterday with the news that money is starting to flow back into the building societies. Provisional returns show that in January the record interest rates offered to savers

were having an effect.

mands for home loans, it is attracted about as much money
After net receipts of £134m likely to enable current lending as they did in January last
in November and £161m in levels to be maintained.

year.

December an inflow of between £250m and £300m is likely to be achieved in January.

Such an improvement will be welcome relief to the societies. Although it is still below the amount needed to meet all de-

January is usually a better month for societies after the rush to withdarw money before Christmas.

If the early returns from the

societies prove correct, they will

have weathered the storm and

Obituaries, page 17 gize for the error. PRICE CHANGES

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Excise appeal adds to lingerie company's troubles

VAT fight spoils Rosgill's party

Pippa-Dee lingeric at parties to added tax tribunal. bored bousewives.

In the words of Rosgill's prospectus issued as long ago "hostesses". These women as 1972 when Industrial and hold parties, make tea and, it commercial Finance Corporation is booked, sell underwear. tion brought the group to the stock market: "Pippa-Dee sells through the party plan method. This is a form of retail selling men want their VAT which at where customers purchase at a a stroke went from 8 per cent party in the relaxed atmosphere to 15 per cent last June. of a private house."

The idea sounds good but

Rosgill's history of mishaps is

had. Indeed, it can only hope with Lowell that "the mistor-

tunes hardest to bear are those which never come ".

What way of making a living looks as easy as taking sweets with the Commissioners of control but is as hard as Customs and Excise. This off a child but is as hard as Customs and Excise. This breeding elephants? If the story of Roszill Holdings is any to the Court of Appeal a case guide, one answer is selling lost last August before a value-The squabble is about the

way Rosaill recompenses its "hostesses". These women

It took a lawyer, a businessman and a shop steward only one day to dismiss the excisemen's case, but their appeal, if upheld, could cost Rospill £97,000 with the costs of the lawyers adding thousands more.

struck down pre-tax profits from 5720,000 to 5483,000 in the 28 weeks to December 8, and although the gross interim dividend stays at 1.07p a share. prospects for some mooths are bleak. Roseill is, incidentally, one of the first retailers to report officially on the run-up to Chrisimas.

of the institute and that the

whole issue would be revived if there were signs that a sig-

But Rosgill's mishaps started much earlier. In two of the past 7! years it has lost money, and in three of them paid no dividend. Ill-starred diversification played its part, and there have been big changes in merchandise, personnel and top manage ment. The shares fell 5p to 22p on the latest news. The offer for sale which closed on

November 30, 1972 was at 820. Peter Wainwright

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EIB lending last year up to £2,048m

The European Investment Bank, the EEC's long term finance institution, rounded off a three-year period of rapid expansion by increasing lending by 40 per cent last year to 3,071 million units of account (£2,048m).

Lending to Britain nearly doubled to £554m from £286m in 1978, lifting Britain's share of EIB financing to 33 per cent from 22 per cent the year

However M Yves le Portz, the hank's chairman has told a press conference in Luxem-hourg that lending in 1980 is likely to grow at a less rapid

Liaohe Oil output up Production at the Liaohe oil-field in northeast China has

reached five million tonnes of crude oil and 1,700 million cubic metres of gas a year, the Peking People's Daily reports.

Zimbabwe air service Air Zimbabwe Rhodesia is to start a twice weekly Boeing 707 service to London from April 2. according to Mr Brian Stringer, the chairman of AZR

44.000m franc boost

The Belgian government, trade unions and emoloyers have approved a national streamlining plan for the steel industry which involves spending 44,000m tranes (about 1592m). 5682m; over the next five years. The unions have agreed to reduce the workforce by sev-eral thousand between now and

New York solvent

Mr Roger Alman, United States Treasury Assistant Secretary, says New York City has met each of its budget goals since Federal credit assistance was first provided in 1975, and is a full year ahead of schedule with its fiscal year 1981 projec-tion for a real budget balance.

Rhodesian mines

Enodesian mining production could exceed a record figure of SR400m (about 5270m) for 1930, according to Mr Michael Cawood, the Rhodesian Secre-tary for Mines.

I hope that the results of the year, both in the profit

the Group, will give proper encouragement to our

shareholders and our employees. A comparison

items and after interest shows that the

and in the sales which have been achieved throughout

between 1978 and 1979 made before exceptional

achievement of 1979 was one of consolidation

of our base for the future, rather than a year of

difficulties of two large contracts. Although output of

deliveries of them and some other products which we

had planned. It follows that the profit is not as high as

important part of our turnover had to be taken up with

those Lynx helicopters and hovercraft for which heavy

provisions had been made and from which no profit

concerned have a right to feel that these results show

We have, however, learned some important lessons,

In delivering to time, and to ensure that every part of the

activities. This we will do; and we will be helped by the

Group lives up to the high quality standards for which the

development and of production, to improve our performance

The width of our business and the diversity of its products

is growing as a result of decisions taken in recent years. We

now have to ensure that we reap a proper harvest through

an improvement in efficiency and show their strong

which have yet to be applied, to reduce the costs of

Group has earned a high reputation on its principal

efficient project management. I know that our Chief

Executive is concentrating much personal effort on

production efficiency and on training at all levels of

During the year we had successes in the helicopter

market. New orders were received from the Royal Navy and

from the Federal German Navy and negotiations are at an

advanced stage with two overseas customers. We also had

Work on developing the WG.30, a transport version of

the Lynx, has continued on course and a welcome amount

The next stage in the Sea King replacement project, so

relationships with our Italian partner, the Agusta Company.

Organisation for Industrialisation broke down for reasons

Company in Egypt were of such a nature that we shall not

orders on our factories which will be difficult to replace, and

lose money on them. The risk is that we shall lose further

this may affect the level of our activity in 1981 and 1982.

Meanwhile it should be said that we are discussing the

of interest has been shown in many parts of the world.

important to naval capability in the late 80's, and to

We have suffered one major disappointment; the

quite unconnected with Westland or its products. The

initial contracts between ourselves and the A.O.I. and

between ourselves and the Arab British Helicopter

helicopter transport generally, is to cement the

carefully negotiated arrangements with the Arab

improving climate of industrial relations.

the advantage of good spares orders.

could arise. But, taking the Group as a whole, all

will to succeed.

management.

it could have been. Moreover, it was a year when an

real growth. We have fought our way out of the

helicopters improved, we did not achieve all the

Leading manufacturer stops production in face of high supply costs

'Killing' prices halt rubber factory

A depressed market, soaring feedstock prices and cheap imports have combined to force International Synthetic Rubber (ISR) to halt output of its main product, styrene-butadiene rubber, used mainly in

tyres.
Mr Donald Bennett, the chairman, explained yesterday that production at the company's main plant at Hythe, Hampshire would not be resumed until suppliers reduced the "killing" prices charged for butadiene. "I am sure we shall get what

want. The suppliers (they include ICI, BP Chemicals and Esso Chemical) will see reason", he said. Meanwhile, 100 of the company's 900 workers normally directly involved in rubber production are being employed on maintenance and other tasks.

Mr Bennett said that his company was now being asked to pay more than £130 a tonne for butadiene, the main feedstock, against £280 a tonne last year. Yet in the Inited States, butadiene was being offered by the same suppliers at about £230 a

tonne, before freight charges. Encouraged by this advantage, United States rubber exports to Western Europe have started to climb, from 15,000 tonnes in 1978 to an estimated 25,000 tonnes last year. Present estimates suggest the

This squeeze on market and costs comes at a time when the industry is struggline with the longer-term problems of over-

The biggest outlet for synthetic rubbers, whose share of total rubber consumption seems temporarily to have stabilized at about two-thirds, is the tyre industry.

This, however, has undergone a transformation. The radial has replaced the cross-ply. It lasts twice as long and, for technical reasons, uses a slightly higher proportion of natural rubber. Consequently, demand for synthetic rubber has not continued to grow as expected. Mr Bennett believes styrene-butadiene

rubber capacity in Western Europe is about 1.1 million tonnes a year. Actual consumption over the past three years has, however, remained static at about 670,000 tonnes. Of this, some 150,000 tonnes is imported—a growing proportion of it from the United States.

In Britain, the story is similar. Synthetics account for about 65 per cent of total rubber consumption of around 460,000 tonnes a year. Synthetic rubber capacity (mainly styrene-butadiene, poly-butadiene, butyl and neoprene) is nearly 550,000 tonnes. Mr Bennett believes that,

in recent years, only 60 per cent of the capacity has been used.

The industry is dominated by ISR, the European market leader which, at its Hythe and Grangemouth plants, has a total capacity of 370,000 tonnes.

The rest of the market is shared by Revertex, BP Chemicals, Dow Chemicals, Du Pont (United Kingdom), Esso, Chemical and Bayer.

ISR, a private company, is owned by a consortium comprising the tyre companies Dunlop, Goodyear, Firestone, Uniroyal, BTR, Michelin and Ayon. These take a large proportion of ISR's output.

The Hyrhe styrene-butadiene plant has been operating at only 60 per cent loading, and Mr Bennett said yesterday that he believed some of the consortium might themselves be buying cheap rubber from American sources.

ISR made a loss before tax in 1977 of £2.5m, but recovered sufficiently to make a small profit in 1979. Mr Bennert said that he expected to make a little profit in 1980, if it was not swallowed up in prices paid to feedstock suppliers.

John Huxley

BL campaign playing down patriotic line

Midlands Industrial

Correspondent BL's controversial "Buy British" campaign is only two weeks old and already there is evidence of a subtle change emphasis. Sir Michael Edwardes' direct appeal to motorists for good old-fash-ioned patriotism when buying their next car is now being

soft pedalled. Instead BL is introducing the slogan "The Best of British Bonus", with the intention of spotlighting the bonuses available to those who buy "truly British" cars.

A BL spokesman said yester-lay: "Nobody in their right day: "Nobody in their right mind is going to buy products on a patriotic basis alone. But the controversy over an appeal to patriotism persuades motorists to visit our showrooms out of curiosity, they will find that our cars are now far better in quality, contain more extras than many of the imports, are certainly better on fuel consumption and are being sold at very competitive prices.

"Foreign car owners, who went foreign during the early years of the import boom and then did not bother to look at

A £2m national campaign is being backed by local advertis-ing. BL and its dealers will share the cost of the local camiss the paign with "Drive the Flag" Edwards car stickers on their way to dealers."

tion of the five million people who drive BL cars can be persuaded to take them it could make quite an impact at little

Incentives are also being offered to dealers to sell as much stock as possible, even if it means accepting a drop in profit margins during the initial stages of the campaign. A four-band incentive points

scheme offers dealers a refund from the factory at the end of the campaign. Each car is given a number of points depending on how well it has been selling. For instance, the Mini is in such demand that it gets a nil points rating. On the other hand, the Marina 1700 gets 10 points and the Princess 30

The payment per point increases as dealers sell more cars and progresses from band one to band four. The top payment is £5 a point—for each Princess sold in band four, the dealer receives £150.

Dealers and management alike are worried about the public's reaction to the company's poor sales performance this month. Mr Brian Ellison, director of

SUMMARY OF

RESULTS

Trading surplus before

Profit/(Loss) before tax

Profit/(Loss) for the year

Dividends per share

attributable to shareholders

Earnings/(Loss) per 25p share

Middle East countries.

exceptional items and

Tumover

The Rt. Hon. Lord Aldington, PC, KCMG, CBE, DSO.

Wadham Stringer's car division, a major BL outlet, said: "For the home offering again, are our prime targets." the past couple of weeks we have been enjoying the impact of the Buy British' campaign and morale is tremendous. This is the best thing Michael Edwardes has ever done for the

Westland Aircraft

Extracts from the Statement by the Chairman,

New £100 personal computer is unveiled

By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

Mr Clive Sinclair of Sinclair Research, Cambridge, yesterday unveiled his latest innovation a personal microcomputer that sells for just under £100.

This does not include a video display, because the unit plugs into the aerial socket of any television set. Neither does it include the conventional cassette recorder which is used to store and feed in programs. But the basic micro-computer, Mr Sinclair claims, is one-quarter the price of any comparable machine on the market.

Mr Sinclair is well-known for his pioneering work in the fields of pocket calculators and miniature television, and has a record of technological in-genuity which goes back to a matchbox-sized radio set many years ago.

His commercial results have

been less enthusiastically received. Sinclair Radionics, subsidiary company of the National Enterprise Board National — made a pre-tax loss of £1.98m in 1978.

Last August the NEB sold the calculator and existing minia-ture television interests of Sinclair Radionics to Binatone, and Mr Sinclair set up Sinclair Research to pursue development of the microcomputer, a flat-

Year to 30th September

1978

166,577

15,297

(2,859)

(4,731)

1.0p

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£000

198,160

16,163

15,266

12,263

4.0p

20.7p

considerable problem of the future, including compensation,

undoubted goodwill and understanding; and we have the

No further provisions are considered necessary for the

first Ministry of Defence Lynx contract. We hope to be in a

of the heavy provisions made in earlier years. Of the total

provisions had been made and which therefore contributed

turnover on helicopters during the year under review of

no profit; that means that the profit on helicopter work

throughout the Group of £9m was earned on a turnover

early in May and both Super 4's performed excellently

Super 4 expires in May 1980 and we shall then be in a

this expensive contract and I expect we shall be able to

made. Work is proceeding according to plan on the new

orders for SRN.6's secured early in the year from two

figure of £4.8m in a year of considerable pressure on

technical and managerial resources.

problems during the current year.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Yeovil.

bring back something over £500,000 from the provisions

The second Super 4 hovercraft was delivered on time

throughout the rest of the year. The warranty on the second

position of knowing for certain the total costs of completing

A large increase in activity by Normalair-Garrett with an

even higher increase in earnings augers well for the carefully

planned and ambitious increase in business now well under

way in control equipment and systems. I congratulate those

responsible for the increase in profit of more than 50% to the

The Westland Technologies Division produced some

good results and some less good, but experience indicates

we are on the right path to better rewards from a wide

As I forecast the Group's cash position remained

comfortable throughout the year. I do not foresee cash

variety of activities, new and old, within the Group.

£144m, £43m was in respect of contracts for which

position by this time next year to bring back something out

with our former partners in this enterprise, people of

proper support from our own Government.



Mr Clive Sinclair: The new ZX80 personal computer is first product to be Research since its formation last September.

tube television display, a novel form of electric motor and a electronic instrument.

The ZX80 microcomouter announced yesterday is the first product of Sinclair Research. Kit versions will be available next mouth from Science of Cambridge, another Sinclair company, at £77.95; and com-plete versions should be obtainable in March at £99.95.

Though the early miniature television models contributed to heavy losses of Sinclair Radionics, work is continuing on the envisaged flat-screen ver-

Closure of 20 training centres approved

By David Felton Labour Reporter

Cuts in the Manpower Services Commission's training schemes, which could mean the closure of up to 20 skill centres and annexes, have been approved in principle.

Despite widespread opposi tion from Civil Service unions, which urged the commission to dely the Government's instructions to reduce staff, the rationalization of skill centres will go ahead.

A final decision on which

centres are so be closed will be taken in March, when the com-mission will try to reach its target of shedding 520 employees, many of them instruc-tors at the centres.

Sir Richard O'Brien, commission chairman, said yesterday: Rationalization is necessary and right. These proposals look "But of course it means re-

ducing provision in certain localities and has to be carried out with due care and consider-ation for everyone affected. The riming is important, too, and that is why we shall be consul-ting before final decisions." Consultations will take place

with the Scottish and Welsh commissions, district manpower committees and local groups so that closures can be phased to take into account any major re-

dundancies in prospect.

The commission's plans are for 12 complete closures of skill centres or annexes, with another eight closed centres being replaced by new establishments. The commission argues that where centres are not directly replaced there will still be training facilities in the locality. Union leaders say the closures will seriously affect industry, with small businesses which cannot afford in house training

being particularly hard hit.

They add that some workers will not be able to afford to travel long distances to their nearest centre, and point out that many of the closures planned are in areas of high unemployment such as south Wales, the west of Scotland and

The list of centres and annexes advanced for possible closure falls into two cate-Units which would be re-

placed by new and reorganized skillcentres: Hillington annexe. Dudley, Enfield skillcentre and annexe, Kidbrook annexe, Poplar, Plymouth annexe, Coventry

Units which would not be directly replaced but for which alternative provision in the area or region would be available: Skillcentres—Dumbarton, Port Glasgow, Darlington, Llanelli. Amexes—Sheffield, Leeds, Tel-ford, Tremorfa, Treforest, Blanau Gwent Blaenau Gwent,

of about 2 per cent per year whereas sugar beet yields have shown little improvement in recent years. As this trend is likely to continue the expansion in the beet acreage may slow down, or even cease, unless there is an improvement in the price of beet relative to that for cereals, which seems unlikely. Even if domestic sugar pro-

competing cereal crops. An im-

portant factor in this has been

an improvement in cereal yields

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Efforts made to

minerals search

From Mr G. A. Schnelmann

Sir, The correspondence in-

iriated by Sir Kingsley Dunham and Sir Peter Kent ("Need for

law to aid exploration into

Britain's mineral resources'

January 9) has greatly in-

terested me as I have been

associated with various aspects

of this industry for almost half

a century. Sir Peter, with great

respect, is not a hard-rock miner. His distinguished ser-

vices have been given to the

petroleum industry, but his sup-

port in a common interest is

nonetheless welcome, parti-cularly as the oil industry has

for some time been evincing interest in the activities of its

Sir Kingsley, my friend of ong standing, most surely have

had his tongue firmly in cheek.

because he is well aware of the determined efforts which have

been, and ere still being, made by major mining finance houses

I recall in particular, and in

the circumstances of the pre-war depression, the Greenside, Halkyn, and Millclose enter-

prises. These were not stimu-

lated by government subsidy or promises of taxation relief, but by hard-headed mining men

who believed in them as finan-cially viable projects.

Equally hard-headed (not to mention hard-rock!) mining

venturers have in more recent

years made, and are still mak-ing, substantial investments in

exploring the potential which unquestionably exists. Mr Lomax's letter (January

23), with which I am in general

agreement, understates the situation. Commencing with the

Ministry of Municipus report (Cd. 9184, March 1, 1918) made by Sir Lionel Phillips, there

on the subject by committees

appointed by government. All made sound recommendations. All have been filed and for-

gotten, except by a few such as the undersigned. The foe, Sir, is not taxation

but the Department of the En-

Geological and Mining Consul-

Product liability

From the President, the British

Veterinary Association Sir, In his letter to The Times

(January 8) David Sharpe, the President of the Pharmaceuti-

cal Society of Great Britain

makes the point that, in the field of human medicine, pro-duct liability as detailed in

current proposals, will be both

a misnomer and to the detri-ment of the patient. This is

equally true of veterinary

Carried to the extremes sug-

gested, the proposals will inevitably lead to the practice of defensive medicine—that is,

carrying out unnecessary diag-

possible difficulties that could

arise in future. This is to the financial disadvantage of the

client and to the physical dis-advantage of the animal

In the veterinary field we

face even greater impositions

of record keeping than do our

n order to cove

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Yours faithfully, G. A. SCHNELLMANN,

49 Ashworth Mansions,

and animals

Elgin Avenue, London W9 1LW.

January 24.

this context.

stimulate

from developing Commonwealth countries under the terms of the Lome Convention. duction could be expanded to the level of existing quotas the variability in sugar beet yields A shift in the balance of Britain's sugar supplies in favour of domestic beet sugar must raise serious doubts about the reliability of such supplies. It could lead ultimately, to would seem to underlie the Government's opposition to the European Commission's proposal to cut sugar production quotas by 10 per cent. It is growing dependence on imports of European beet sugar with no argued that this would adversely affect output, employment and the balance of payments. But Britain has failed to fulfil its existing quotas, and obvious benefit to the balance of payments, Surely the correct policy should be to maintain the pre-

Maintaining balance

of UK's sugar supplies

Sir, The announcement that

Tate and Lyle may have to close

another sugar refinery has far-

Britain's future sugar supplies.

Further closure would mean in-

sufficient refining capacity to

give effect to the undertaking,

given by successive govern-

ments, for continuing access for

1.3 million tons of cane sugar

implications

sent balance in Britain's sugar it is difficult to see how cuts in supplies and to support the European Commission's efforts paper quotas could result in the closure of eight factories and the loss of 2,500 jobs as the to reduce the Community's sugar surplus. Sugar Corporation Yours faithfully, IAN SMITH,
Department of Economics,
The University,
Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 7RU, Furthermore, it is far from

certain that domestic sugar production can expand to the level of existing quotas. The rate of return on capital for sugar beet January 21.

Cuts threat to British Council's exports role

From Mr John D. Tucker Sir, In the present economic climate the urgent need to public public expenditure accepted and it is reduce recognized that the Government in carrying out its commitment faces a multitude of problems in maintaining a proper balance of essential and important services.

In this situation there is the danger that in making "across-the board" cuts some very important services are curtailed or discontinued for relatively small savings in expenditure. It is in this context that there is serious concern over the proposed cuts in the budget of the British Council and the serious effect these will have the essential information and liaison role played by its media department and particular, its invaluable aid to British exports, by creating the right atmosphere for our overseas trade and services. This important activity cannot be

neasured in financial terms. We are now planning the eighth International Broadcasting Convention to be held in Brighton on September 20-23. One of the prime objectives of this biennial convention, first held in 1967, is to assist British industry to export United Kingdom broadcasting equip-ment, services and expertise

worldwide.
Since the IBC was launched it has seen a continuing growth in status, size and success and is now established as one of the world's international market places for the latest systems. At the last Inter-national Broadcasting Convention, in 1978, there were more than 4,000 delegate from 61 countries and 104 exhibitors. The British Council through

its media department has played a significant part in the promotion of the International Broadcasting Convention over the years to its present high standing and in this way has given valuable help to broadcasting industry in its export drive, as I am sure it has given to other British industries. It is our view that the British Council must be allowed to continue to foster Council must and develop British interests in this specialized but highly influential field and ensure that the process of transfer of their knowledge and experience, programmes and their advice given on specialized equipment is not left to chance.

As we have seen from the Government's change of mind over the proposed cut in the BBC External Services grant ministers are not insensitive to public opinion and factual logi-cal cases. It is to be hoped that wisdom will prevait also in the case of the British Council Yours faithfully.

JOHN D. TUCKER, Chairman, Management Committee International Broadcasting Convention, Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place London WC2R OBL.

Engineering education

From Dr R. G. Carter Sir, I have read with great interest the letter from Professor J. M. Alexander on the subject of engineering education (January 23). I and my colleagues drafted a similar letter in response to your article. However, we subsequently discovered that Mr Sapper's remarks were not intended to preclude changes of the type advocated by Professor Alex-ander and the letter was never

Professor Alexander has not told us why it has not been possible to introduce changes of the sort he describes. It cannot be entirely due to the con-straints of a three-year course, because here, at Lancaster, we already teach some of the material mentioned. Perhaps the real reason is to be found in a remark made to me by the head of an engineering department at another university. The main obstacle to change, he said, lay in the entrenched attitudes of his

staff. I agree with Professor Alexl agree with Protessor Alexander in supporting the Finniston proposals for improvements to engineering education. Many of these proposals indeed have their origin in papers written by my colleague Professor M. J. French. There is a great risk, however, that these necessary reforms will be carried out in a way that will carried out in a way that will greatly diminish their value. It is shready rumoured that cer-Bailrigg, tain prestigious institutions are Lancaster, LA1 4YR. expecting to be allowed to January 23.

teach M.Eng. courses only. The risk is that it is at some such institutions that staff attitudes are most entrenched. An en-gineering course of the type proposed by Finniston cannot be produced by grafting a bit of engineering practice on to an

revealed the extent of industrial experience among univer-sity teachers of engineering. It has not, however, revealed the nature of that experience. There is an enormous difference between experience gained in a research laboratory and that gained in a factory. Exposure to the realities of engineering design and produc-tion is an education which can-not readily be obtained in any other way. I fear that it is experience of just this sort which is often lacking in our universities. There is indeed one very prestigious university in which many members of the engineering staff are professionally qualified as physicists, not as engineers.

If these changes in the edu-cation of engineers are to be

of real value it is vital that the task of teaching the best stu-dents should be entrusted to those departments which can demonstrate that they have a staff qualified by their atti-tudes and experience to do it. Yours faithfully, R. G. CARTER, University of Lancaster, Department of Engineering,

medical colleagues. At least each human patient has a name; what of the 20,000 existing course.
The Finniston report has chickens in a broiler house under treatment with a food additive? In order to prevent future claims against the product in

use we would be required to deliver homilies of such length and complexity that our clients, unless possessed of an extremely attentive mind or a degree in pharmacology, would become increasingly confused and uncertain. It is this confusion and uncertainty that we strive to dispel by assuming. with our professional know-ledge, responsibility for our action.

There is every reason to compensate the owners of ani-

mals who have suffered loss by product defect. If this defect is the result of negligence, the remedial course already exists; if the defect is outwith this category there is good reason for compensation to be available from a central fund.

The imposition of the suggested controls on my profes-

sion will be to the detriment of the welfare of the animals we seek to help. Yours sincerely.
DIXON GUNN, President,
The British Veterinary Associa-

London W1M OAT. January 16.

Arithmetic of state pensions million employees in the private sector are contracted into

From Mr Raymard Nottage
Sir, In commenting (January
18) on my article about the
cost of the contracting out the state scheme, I am sure that your readers were per-plexed by Mr Pilch's statement that the proposed Association of Contracted In Employers "would represent only a option in the state pensions scheme Mr Pilch, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, says: "It does not need a mass of figures, merely a modicum of common sense, to appreciate that any consequent increase in state contribution rates today must be offset by lower rates in future years". This, I submit, is not a self-evident proposition, and Mr Pilch should tell us:

rates to come into effect; (ii) the extent of the compensating reductions he then foresees and;

mind to figures.

(iii) the real rate of return on investment on which he bases his replies to (i) I am sorry if these questions require Mr Pilch to apply his

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Assistant General Manager (Pensions), Legal & General Assurance Society, when he says that the elimination of the contracting out option would (i) the date when he expects not reduce the amount needed the lower contribution to pay the benefits now due. to pay the benefits now due, but that it has an effect on the way the cost is divided between different employers and employees.

"would represent only a minority of those employed in the private sector". I certainly

agree with Mr Sibly,

I would add that the extent to which the option is exer-cised also determines the proportions of cost borne from general taxation, through the Treasury supplement, and from National Insurance contributions. The contracting out of January 21.

10 million employees will have the effect in 1980/81 of reducing the income from contribu-tions by £450m and of increasing the Treasury supplement, and hence the public sector borrowing requirement, by that amount. This feature of the Scheme will not endear it to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

not comment on my calculation that the net rebate on contributions for contracted out employees in the next tax year will amount to only £155 per employee against the £300 per employee that will have to be found by the employer-based pension schemes to fund the liabilities they choose to retain. If I am right in this, the com-bined action of the contracting out employers must surely constitute one of the biggest financial follies of modern times. RAYMOND NOTTAGE,

I note that Mr Sibly does

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Insecurity in securities

Very high trading volume on Wall Street, due to a £14m drop in the interest burden which some analysts are hoping will be a quarter higher this year, is doing wonders for the share prices of the leading United States securities companies, including the over-the-counter dealers. After their weak showing in the 1976-78 period, the quoted firms came back to favour last year in a big

And already this year shares in Merrill Lynch are a quarter higher and in Shearson Loeb Rhoades more than a third on expectations of much higher profits.

The strength of the United States stockmarket, however, is doing nothing to alleviate the long-term problems that have been plaguing the United States securities business for the best part of a decade. Un-like their United Kingdom counterparts, who still seem to be putting most of their faith in mergers to pull them through the difficult years ahead, rather than playing the angles by going for more fundamental structural changes, Wall Street firms have already tried that route.

The recent gyrations in markets have also done little to bolster their confidence, since it has only helped expose the inadequacy of their capital bases for dealing in such uncertain markets.

Increasingly, then, survival has been seen in terms of diversification over the past three years, when there has also been the added pressure of the moves to off-floor trading on the United States exchanges.

More and more the "financial superstore

approach of Merrill Lynch is seen as the only real answer. Firms have expanded into life assurance in a big way, as well as into the commodity markets, and they are more and more coming up against the commercial banks as they try to move into their tradi-tional activities as well, and expand their investment banking interests.

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The fundamental problem remains that all the moves away from pure securities trading are requiring them to act as principals rather than agents, and apart from Merrill Lynch, whose \$740m capital base is more than three times that of its nearest rival Shearson Loeb Rhoades, these other firms simply do not have the resources to expand in like fashion.

The latest ruse of the NYSE to stem the tide has been to try to grab some of the commodities action from Chicago with the introduction of trading in financial futures from April this year. The voluntary moratorium two years ago on options trading is also expected to come to an end within the next month. If Wall Street is any guide, London brokers are only just starting to see the really tough times.

Just how tough depends on a variety of factors, not least those highlighted in a new survey of the British securities industry commissioned by stockbrokers Grieveson, Grant. Twenty-four institutions were invited to give their views on the prospects for the industry. The message which emerges seems to be that institutions are dissatisfied with the way the Stock Exchange is approaching delicate subjects such as dual-capacity trading and fixed commissions (the future of which will be decided in two or three years time by the Restrictive Practices Court) and want to be more fully involved

Understandably so, since institutional investors have gained such a powerful position in the market, but the report is less than satisfactory in that it contains a series of slashing attacks (and some commenda-tions) without offering any answers. It is all very well—and absolutely reasonable—that institutions should demand some contingency planning from the Stock Exchange should the Court rule to dismantle the present market structure, but institurional thinking will have to be con-tructive and bear in mind that there is heavy pressure from some quarters for stitutions to put their own house in order. he Wilson Committee, for instance, should have plenty to say on that subject.

Reed International

Fit for the recession

Reed International has proved the perfect patient responding magnificently to the drastic surgery of the last couple of years. The new found vigour is evident in pre-tax profits up 27 per cent to £80m at the nine months stage with most of the improvement

At the operating level, however, the performance looks more mundane and begs the question as to just how severe the profits relapse is going to be when Reed's remaining activities meet the recession. United Kingdom profits actually slipped shade in the third quarter edging shead to £61m for the nine months with the squeeze on margins in paper-making wiping out much of the boost from newspapers and

Meanwhile, profits from the savagely pruned overseas operations are only a shade down reflecting a powerful turnround by the Canadian operations including Dryden (now sold) and the remaining Quebec newsprint mill.

Reed is still bent on selling the Quebec mill and thus completing its withdrawal from the activities which brought it so near to the brink a couple of years ago. But booming conditions in the American market at least cut out the necessity of a "fire

The shares up 13p to 207p, however, seem to be putting a little too much store in hopes of £105m pre-tax for the full-year for a fullytaxed p/c of 41 and a 30 per cent dividend

boost making a yield of 71 per cent.

Next year publishing will be under pressure, there is not much relief in sight for United Kingdom paper-making while building and DIY products-Reed's third remaining United Kingdom arm-are not exactly recession proof.

Profits could drop as low as £70m pre-tax. Even though new-found balance sheet strength-gearing has dropped to 37 per cent and the group has plenty of free cashshould enable a more flexible Reed to ride out a recession the medium-term outlook is cloudy enough to suggest a more cautious

Trident Television .

Strike

Even with a fairly solid profits record to back them up, television contractors have never been a stockmarket favourite, usually having to rely on their income attractions for support. Last autumn's technicians' strike only seemed to confirm how vulnerable earnings could be to any interruption in advertising revenue, at least for those not as well diversified as Granada or Associated Communications.

Trident Television has been unlucky in that with a September year-end, its results cover a full two months of the 11 week strike while those with a later reporting period, following the more than one third rise in advertising revenue in the November-December period, will manage to hide most

With revenue losses of £13m and £750,000 in wasted programme costs, Trident reckons the dispute to have cut some £11-2m from profits leaving the full year, after earlier hopes of perhaps an increase of a tenth, down a sixth at £7.5m with the second half more than a half lower at only £2.7m. Elsewhere the group has done rather better with the Windsor Safari Park operation now washing its face and the rest of the

Ieisure side doing better.

The move into United States film distribution has involved some start-up costs but. the overall result is that the non-television interests have shown useful growth from £1.9m to £2.3m to offset some of the near £2m decline in television contracting to

For the current year a rate card rise of 15 per cent already announced is to be followed by another 25 per cent increase which will go some way towards compensating for a dull year so far as advertising revenue is concerned and the cost pressures from the technicians' settlement.

Trident is going someway towards fulfilling its commitment on the dividend by reducing the promised cover from 2 to 1.6 in view of the profits downturn, where the yield at 531p is 9.3 per cent although things could have looked a little better if it had taken extraordinary losses of £516,000mostly due to currency movementsfurther down. But at least its franchises seem more secure than some of the other

Donald Macintyre on the mood in two industries where thousands of jobs are at risk

. Why the Welsh are on the war-path

the march through Cardiff's city centre on Monday crisply summed up the original purpose of the protest. "For sale", it read, "one South Wales coalfield. Apply agents: the British Steel Corporation." Steel Corporation."

The banner eloquently expresses the extent to which these two primary state indus-tries are interlocked at the heart of the South Wales economy and the effect that the ESC's drastic plans for scaling down production in the region will have on coal output and indirectly on the rest of Welsh industry.

The spectre of unemployment arising from the corporation's intention to shed 11,300 jobs at Lianwern and Port Talbot. and to increase its imports of coking coal to the region, may well dominate tomorrow's talks between the Nationalised Industries Committee of the TUC and senior Cabiner ministers.

The national union leaders are likely to point out to Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of National Coal Board estimates the Exchequer, and his collegues that while they have persuaded the Wales TUC to and 2.8 million tons regional

tense pressure to secure a stay of execution of BSC policy before that date, whatever their reservations about the tactics of union officiais in Wa'es.

On Monday, as 15,000 trade unionists made their way through Cardiff's city centre. Mr Peter Davey, the chief executive of South Glemorgan Council, was remarking to the South Wales standing conference on regional policy that the ligure of 21,000 "knock on" redundancies which would resting to from the steel cutbacks was probably a "serious underestimate".

estimate". Such figures—and union leaders believe that the eventual loss of jobs could be 100,000—may not add weight to either side in the argument over BSC's overall strates. But they indicate a growing consensus in the region about what the effects of it will be.

Partly basing their view on National Coal Board estimates

defer its call for a "general miners' leaders expect that it of Mineworkers, was applauded strike" in the Principality until the steel cuts go ahead the at Monday's rally when he said March 10 they are under in-board will come forward in the that there were sufficient the steel cuts go ahead the board will come forward in the summer with plans for the closure of at least 11, and possibly a further 10, loss-making pits, Close to the centre of their agreement in the issue of their argument is the issue of imported coking coal

The corporation has not officially denied or confirmed that it intends to increase its imports of coking coal by 1.2 million tons a year, much of which would be expected to go to South Wales where 1 million tons is already imported.

The American and Australian coking coal imported for Port Talbot is about £10 a ton cheaper than its domestically produced equivalent. But the low level of subsidy for Britishproduced coal compared with hat for European competitors is illustrated by figures put before the Wales TUC last month. These said that sub-sidies on coking coal per ton were £24 in Belgium, £14 in France, £11 in Germany and

that there were sufficient reserves of coking coal in Britain to supply all BSC's needs if the same level of subsidy was paid here as in other EEC countries. The miners say that 75 per cent of those reserves are in South

To show the indirect effect on other industries the same Wales TUC document attempted to break down coal board expenditure under headings which included: payments to British Rail, \$35m; civil engineering, £15.9m; and materials, including wood from the Forestry

Commission, £9.7m.
It is not only state enterprises that would be affected. According to Mr Emlyn Williams, South Wales president of the NUM: "People forget that many of the effects will be on

the private sector."

Mr Williams even criticizes as too modest the Wales TUC demand for a two-year mora-11 in the United Kingdom.

It is against this background that Mr Lawrence Daly, general secretary of the National Union teniam for cuts to allow a review. The union, he says, should be actively seeking expansion. Despite his passionate

the pay issue may have over-shadowed the threat to jobs. "Survival", he says, "is "Survival", he says, "is even more important than

While a settlement of the steel strike would on the one-hand further stimulate the campaign for jobs by carrying at least some commitment to cutbacks, Welsh Union leaders privately admit their doubts whether the steel workers could

And it is open to question whether unions like the railwaymen's, which brought out 8,500 members in the railways and docks on Monday, could meet a similar response for an

be brought out again once they

indefinite strike. But the Wales TUC, with the miners at the fore, has attenthed itself to prevent Wales becoming what Mr Williams described as a "non-industrial nation". Tomorrow's forecaste of a political headache likely to grow much more troublesome rather than troublesome

Can Turkey regain financial respectability?

ing welcomed back-if not quite with open arms-into the international financial community. The series of measures taken over the last week to restore its credit worthiness, will prob-ably do the trick, although the International Monetary Fund

the first aim of the latest measures was to regain Turkey's access to the latest measures was to regain Turkey's access to the latest standby credit access to the IMF standby credit of 250m special drawing rights (\$330m) which was set up last July. The significance of winning this money from the IMF is not the size of the loan—which is tiny in comparison with Turkey's needs—but the signal which IMF approval would give to international banks and western governments. ern governments.

Turkey has discovered to its cost over the last two years that the IMF "bill of health" has become a prerequisite for access to the world's capital markets. It was IMF agreement to a new stand-by credit last year which gave the final goahead to a massive rescheduling of Turkish debts by commercial

example of how badly wrong can be the IMF policy of insisting on strict conditions before giving special loans to countries in acute payments difficulties. The political unrest in Turkey is then laid at the door of the hard men from the fund who have forced austerity measures on unwilling govern-

Turkey's great difficulties in meeting its debt payments, and the apparently inexorable rise in the ratio of debt servicing to export earnings, are also sometimes pointed to as the first signs of banking problems

The huge surpluses of the Organization of Petroleum Ex-porting Countries expected this year will have their counterparts in defici's elsewhere. Many of the middle income developing countries which have borrowed heavily from international banks over the last few years will suffer big increases in their oil bills. They will have to turn to their creditors for help with meeting these bills. Banks which already have sizable

loans at stake will find them-

Turkey raise questions about the nature of the recycling problem and the proper role of the IMF in this. The IMF loan

criteria are drawn up with a simple aim in mind-to ensure that the fund gets its money back in the end. They are not concerned to maximize growth or welfare in the debtor countries but to improve the balance of payments to a point where the country can repay its loans.

Naturally commercial banks feel happier lending to a coun-try which the IMF believes is on the road to economic health. However, recycling the Opec surpluses implies financing the corresponding deficits and allowing them to continue, at least in the medium term. In this context it makes sense for the TMF to provide money on slightly easier terms than it would otherwise do. At present it has plenty of money in its coffers but few takers among

debtor countries The commercial banks will.

selves locked in, as they are in however, still have to play a big truckey, so the argument runs.

These generalizations about uneasy they feel about increasing the mid-1970s for available in the mid-1970s for availab ing their risk exposure in some

> But for two reasons Turkey is something of a special case. First, its military and strategic importance to the West means that it stands a better chance than most of getting help from governments: witness the \$900m loan package put together by members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development last year. More will follow last week's custority package.

countries.

Secondly, the Turkish economy is in a particularly parlous stage. Inflation has roared to between 70 and 80 per cent from a level of 45 per cent in 1978. This is despite a drastic slowdown in growth in the latter part of the 1970s and an unem-ployment level of about 20 per

Turkey was first sent into deficit by dearer oil after a current account surplus in 1973 of \$615m. Since then it has piled up debts at an alarming rate. International bankers must bear some of the responsi-

both short and long-term loans, all of which proved too much for the Turks to repay in time. Turkey now has about \$15,000m of outstanding debts and its year after being nearly a third

Other governments and the IMF may be willing to put more money into Turkey now in the hope that the opening up of the economy to foreign invest-ment, along with the sharp price rises for fuels and the big shock of a 33 per cent devaluation, will boost exports and hold down government borrowing and private consumption.

With debts already almost crippling the economy and slow growth and high unem-ployment threatening Turkey's precarious political stability, it might be much better for western governments to mount a large aid programme than to take the Turks further into the

Caroline Atkinson

Stopping the rot in the textile towns

placed some 500,000 sq ft of A steady stream of politicians and industrialists has made its way down Flapper Fold Lane,

by cheap imports or the im-mediate difficulties caused by the strength of sterling and the high cost of borrowing. But, in the longer term, the industry must prove it can deliver the against overseas competition.

Government "protection" or insistence on reciprocal, fair trading and on orderly market-ing arrangements must be seen as an essential rearguard action Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Minister for Trade, has made clear, the industry must make use of the breathing space to reorganize.

The reorganization at Atherton has been dramatic. The 95,000 sq ft plant has re-

mill space. The workforce has been reduced from 430 to fewer than 100, organized in shifts of

way down Flapper Fold Lane, Atherton, in recent months. They have been visiting the first spinning mill to be built in Lancashire for 50 years. The importance of "Unit One", as it is called, is not confined to Carrington Viyelia. In an industry which has seen to head refrigerated food introduced to facilitate continuous shift working.

nas been a huge improvement in productivity. Yarn productivity and productivity in productivity. Yarn productivity in productivity in productivity. Yarn production in unit cost.

I have a substantial reduction in unit cost.

The capital-intensive strategy adopted in Unit One has, by and large, been accepted by the workforce. "When they were first approached, the unions responded by saving we should have invested like this many years ago", Mr Sharrock says. Wages have jumped from about 565 to £110 a week. The cost has been several hundred redundancies and an acceptance

of more flexible working.

The unit is already contributing indirectly to group sales. About three quarters of the Atherton output stays within the group. Yarns are sold to its Dorma subsidiary where they are woven, dyed and made up into sheets.

It is still too early to say that

John Huxley

the Unit One approach works. The plant is not yet running at full capacity and productivity may yet be exceeded by overseas mills. The scale of invest-ment remains cautious: the plant meets only about 15 per cent of yarn needs

An alternative strategy being adopted in parts of the industry is to move out of low-cost, bulk production and concentrate on high technology and high addedvalue output. Fothergill & Harvey, of Littleborough, established in 1848, recognized this many years ago: "Following the Second World War, when respectred names in the industry were trying to pick up where they left off in 1939, an elite few looked not at the present but to the future", Mr Leslie Stevens, the chief executive, ex-

The process of diversification away from traditional cotton based products has accelerated in the last decade. Even in its industrial textiles division, which accounts for a progress-ively smaller share of turnover each year, there has been a swing away from fabrics which compete in large volume markets to those used in speciality areas.

speciality areas.

Its product range—which finds outlets in user industries including aerospace, chemicals, electronics, food, leisure, packaging and transport—is suffi-ciently large for the company to ride out sectoral fluctuations

in demand. Such diversity brings with it a risk of becoming over-extended, as Mr Peter Conway, one of the directors, recognizes. "The knack is not to let our research and development people run away with us. We must recognize that a time comes when losses must be cut and a product dropped."

application was for the nose working in the family textiles cone of aircraft. Fothereill & company, John Cockcroft and Harvey provided the famous. Sons. Their experience in the drooping shout for Concorde, early 1970s showed that enbut subsequently decided that future applications, elsewhere in the military field, were too

imited. So, three-dimensional weaving was dropped.

Mr Stevens believes that the future of the company and its 1,100 employees lies with new and other existing lines: carbon fibre blanks and compostee antiestic and corrosion. sites, anti-stick and corrosionresistant coatings, fabric roofing and fibre-reinforced plastics.
The company's output is already used in products as diverse as golf clubs and X-ray

couches, armoured jackets and anti-magnetic skins to protect The management of the companies have a some time. How far, few are the companies to the community accept that the community accept that the

The company is something of a rarity at a time when there has been a rush to leave the textiles industry. It would appear to have done everything right. It has a modern, purpose-built factory at Todmorden

Its output per operative is comparable with levels else-where in the world and great attention has been paid to ensuring that design is right. Mr Cockcroft and his father

One such innovation was Leo brought to the company three-dimensional weaving of large sums of their own money, glass-fibre. The most obvious as well as experience gained in lightened management, good working conditions and high wages were co healthy profits.

things began to go wrong. Turnover growth has stalled at about f1.7m, and the mill is not making money.

Heatherdale has been hit not so much by low-cost competielsewhere as the adverse movement in the value of the pound and present high interest rates. Two thirds of output is expor-

the hulls of minesweepers.

The management at Carring finished product) the company ton Viyella Yarus and Fother now finds that goods are being

for some time. How far, few are prepared to say. There are too many unpredictable factors to throw off course even well-run businesses, as Mr Peter Cockcroft, managing director of Heatherdale Fabrics, is learning.

They believe that they have obligations to the community and they cannot accept that the Covernment will allow the manufacturing base of the country, of which they are a part, to be destroyed.

"We have lost money before

"We have lost money before and we have turned it round.
It won't be possible to make a
commercial judgment on commercial judgment on Heatherdale until the mid-1980s. By then we will have done so again."

Business Diary: Strikes while the iron is cold

The brass at the British Steel Corporation are suffering from acute loss of face. For some years past the luckless BSC has been ardently courting the Chinese in the hope of winning big contracts to advise the workers' paradise on modernizing the Chimese steel industry. Sir Charles Villiers, BSC's chairman, himself has shown the importance which the cor-poration attaches to the Chinese by himself going to Peking.

But a party of officials from
Chinese metallurgical foundations are about to return home without visiting some of the BSC works which they came here to see. Yesterday, the group's leader, Zhou Hongii, was to have toured BSC installations at Sheffield with four of his collections.

his colleagues.
Tomorrow the party was to visit the Port Talbot steelworks, one of the two works in South Wales threatened with swingering and angles Rut the ing redundancies. But the Chinese team's hosts—the Metals Society and the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy have been obliged to revise the scheduled programme because of the strike.

Instead, the team spent yesterday touring a library and a mines safety research establishment. Tomorrow, instead of going to Port Talbot, the study group will spend its time at the University of Aston and with

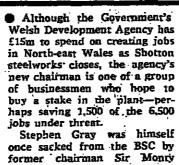


"In the time it has taken you to produce one tonne of crude steel I've done the weekly wash, mended a fuse, cleaned the kitchen, made seven pounds of mermalade and four meat ples for the fridge and got your tea

Fifty years ago, the steel industry was again in recession and yet again the lawyers were coining it. In 1930, howwere coming it. In 1950, however, it was a steel-owner rather
than a trade unionist who faced,
the courts. A big shareholder
in Colville's steel works in
Scotland was Lord Kylsont,
described as an "absentee
landlord" by the BSC historian
lolm Vaizeu.

What the Chinese make of all this, Business Diary cannot say.

Chamber of Commerce was that But Gray isn't misty-eyed soon to be more absent than about steel. "If we can get on ever. He got 12 months for with the job of diversifying offences in connexion with a with the job of diversifying offences in connexion with a prospectus for Royal Mail industry, then the rundown the fore-talking to pickets in the fore-talking to pickets in the fore-talking to pickets in the fore-talking against Thatcher John Vaizeu. Kylsant, former Liberal MP.
JP and president of the London



opposing Pinniston for Shotton's closure. He tells Business Diary that the acquisition of a stake is still a "It requires an investigation

are in a position to do something." Meanwhile, the WDA and Gray do have the numbers to late Industrial Relations Court. provide 500,000 sq ft of factory space in the Shotton-Wrexham area. The agency's advice caravan is parked inside the steelworks to help those steelmen who fancy starting their own businesses—80 have shown

Gray's agency has been in the business for some time, with jobs being lost at the Ebbw Vale and East Moors steelworks. Worse could be on the way with the rundown of lianwern and Port Talbat.



Norman Turner: solicitous, shy.

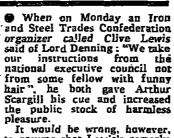
 It does not need a long by an accepted and established industrial memory to recall the financial agency. After that, if stir caused in 1972 by the Offithe numbers stand up then we cial Solicitor when he intervened to get the three dockers freed from their imprisonment for contempt imposed by the forced to make lay-off payments late Industrial Relations Court. to our workers when the strike

The whispers are around that

this deus ex machina of the

time, may be needed again if the steel dispute drags on. As it happens, the same man is still in charge. Norman Turner, now near retirement, has quietly been carrying on his job He still scrurinizes every case where someone has been imprisoned for contempt The main part of his work however, is looking after the interests of those thought to be

Turner is a diffident man, who did not like the limelight in which he found himself eight



to assume that Lewis's remarks went down well only with trade unionists. In Sheffield, for example, the head of one of the biggest private steel-makers told Business Diary: "If you quote me, I'll deny it, but we could all be a good deal better off if the strike were allowed to spread to the private sector "If they can't get sheet steel our customers' production lines will stop and they won't want to buy our products. That will mean higher stock financing costs for us and we'll also be

Now if our own workers go out we avoid the lay-off pay-ments and the group goes into a vacuum for the duration."

Nothing could be more British than a strike, and nothing more British than the way in which, so Business Diary hears, the management at one British Steel Corporation works eave the pickets three steel shelters in which to picket. It is also rather British, I suppose, that the shelters, being made of an increasingly precious metal, were promptly pinched. There is no suggestion that the

> Ross Davies

Daily Mail and General Trust Limited Statement by Viscount Rothermere, Chairman

My father died just before the Annual General Meeting in July 1978, and since the current accounting period was extended to 30th September 1979, this is the first occasion I have hed the opportunity to make the Chairman's Statement in the Annual Accounts and to pay tribute to my father's work in building up your Company so successfully over the last half century,

It is therefore with pleasure that I can report to you that het Revenue after expenses and taxation in the 18 months to September 1979 was \$3,570,000. After providing for the preference dividend the earning for the period were 35.1p per share or 23.4p on an annual basis. Excluding the dividend from Associated

ncreased in the 12 months to March 1979 by 12% over the year before, and for the 12 months to Septen 1979 by 20% over the previous year to September 1978. With income from Associated Newspapers Group showing a significant increase the results for the period can therefore be viewed with some satisfaction.

Newspapers Group, net Income from other sources

Because a considerable proportion of our investment portfolio is the holding in Associated Newspapers Group, your Company has been bound by the dividend limitation regulations; in consequence it has not been possible to match increasing income, with distributions as have, for example, Authorised Investment Trusts who have been free from those regulations. The and of dividend itation has meant therefore that the Board has been able to give fresh consideration to the scale of

being recommended exceeds 85% of the amount

During the period. Associated Newspapers Group cassed to be the Company's subsidiary. Nevertheless as you will read in the Directors' Report we shall be you was read in the billections information concerning its results and financial position, so that you can appreciate the diversified strength and successful operations of the

The change or source or reasonable in the redisposition of some common interests, as was reported earlier in the year. The book profit arising from these and other real ST milion, with an unavoidable Capital Gains Tax,

As a further result of the altered relationship, the Accounts of Daily Meil and General Trust have needed to be modified, Analysis of Investments has at the same

The last eighteen months has seen a remarkable turn round in the strength of Sterling, the progressive effect of North Sea Cilion our balance of payments and the start of the loosening of government control over so much of our lives. The abolition of dividend limitation and later, of Exchange Control has allowed market influences to have much greater effect on investment prices and policy. We earnestly hope that the firm measures taken by the Government will have the effect of combating inflation and reviving industry.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Mr Ferguson Lacey in £4m Wardle bid

By Philip Robinson

Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust the private investment vehicle of entrepreneur Mr Graham Ferguson Lacey, has launched a £41m takeover bid for the 70 per cent of Bernard Wardle it does not aiready own.

The bid is pitched at 33p a share and would value the whole group of nearly £6m. Net assets of Bernard Wardle, which processes PVC and supplies moulded plastics for the motor trade, are put the end of November, 1978, in the last balance-sheet in earnings were little changed December, 1978, at 52.8p a

Birmingham and Midland Counties Trust has built up its 29.9 per cent stake in Wardle over 14 months, paying an average price of 21p. BMCT is being advised by merchant bankers Arbuthnot

Latham (in which BMCT has a

No reaction was available last night from Bernard Wardle or on the last full year's earnings its advisers, merchant bankers of 4.1. Last night the shares Warburg, but Mr Quelch said gained 3p to 34p.

14 per cent stake).

a meeting had taken place and the reaction from the Wardle board had been "friendly". The Board are not large shareholders. The largest single shareholder after BMCT is Norwich Union Life Insurance with a 6.68 per cent stake.

A spokesman for Mr G. Ferguson Lacey said: "I think it is virtually an agreed bid." Profits of Bernard Wardle over the past few years have City as patchy. For the year to from those reached in 1974; For the six months to the end of June last year, profits marked time around the £500,000 mark, although the then chairman Mr Derek Boothman said that the profitability

quarter. At the offer price this would give Wardle an exit p/e ratio

achieved in the first half had

continued during the third

Plessey's final disposal

By Our Financial Staff Electronics group Plessey has sold the last of its operations which does not fit in with the group's policy of concentrating on high technology products, for £1 million cash.

Plessey Sheet Metals. in sub-contracting work making vending machines and filing cabinets has been bought by WCB-Clares, which make shelves, wire baskets and trollies for supermarkets and is part of Guinness.

bury, Tesco and Safeway and are already working at full capacity at their factories in Wells, Somerset, and Mountain Ash in South Wales. Mr Roy Griffiths, the chairman, said: The sheet metal business will

It is understood that Plessey Sheet Metal could have been making a small loss.

This is the last of about nine companies which Plessey has sold during the last two years.

increase capacity by about 66

Short-term income bonds upset the LOA

By Sylvia Morris Single premium bond sales rose by £91m to £630m last

year, with 90 per cent of this rise going to short-term guaranteed income bonds. But despite this increase in business, the Life Offices Association wants to see these income boads killed off.

L.O.A. chairman Mr Leonard Hall said yesterday that he was "not happy" about these bonds being sold by non-member offices and did not think that tax relief should be available Although sales of the bonds

are small compared with total life assurance business, fears that they will mushroom are expected to bring Inland Revenue action against them. The L.O.A. is concerned that any Revenue move will cause repercussions throughout the vhole industry.

Short-term income bonds, which have a life of one or rwo years, offer attractive returns by taking advantage of tax relief on life assurance pre-miums primarily designed for longer term contracts of ten vears or more.

One possible way to put an end to these bonds is to extend the clawback rules on tax relief to a period beyond the current four years. Alternatively legislation could be introduced making income bonds nonqualifying for tax relief pur-poses which could effect longerterm guaranteed bonds.

Mr Hall was optimistic that there was no immediate danger of life assurance premium relief being withdrawn from life assurance policies in

were exaggerated by a general shortage of stock among shortage of stock among jobbers.

In longs, buyers entered at the lower levels and some in
Trident TV (F) 64.5(65.4) 7.5(9.0) 5.7(10.8) 2.38(2.23) 3/4 3.48(3.16)

1. Worthington (1) 1.06(1.01) 0.07(0.15) 2.26(4.2) 1.041(0.34) 31/3 —(—)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News are shown or agross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pre-tax and the lower levels and some in-

Stock markets

Shares smartly ahead as buyers come back

into life again yesterday, following a quiet start, as institutional buyers stepped into

the ring.
Trading had begun in sombre mood overshadowed by the uncertain situation in the Steel dispute and by events overseas which sent equities and gilts

What little activity there was continued to be centred on oils and also gold shares, following the rebound in the bullion

Oil shares continued to draw investment support following the recent spate of major oil companies reporting excep-tional profits in the United States, which in turn has focused attention on their British rivals now felt to be undervalued. Gold shares also saw support

after the bullion price had held its own in the world market overnight. Further support also came with the an-nouncement earlier in the week that Saudi Arabia had increased its price of oil to \$26 a barrel and planued further rises in the near future. As a result the bullion price raced ahead \$45 to \$670 an ounce. Then, shortly after lunch, rumours that the steel strike had taken another step closer to being resolved saw institutional buyers re-enter the market. This prompted renewed

interest in equities and reversal of the slide in giks.

However, the buying remained selective and prices were exaggerated by a general

provements of £2 although elsewhere rises were mainly fixed at about £4 to £3. At the shorter end of the market falls of about £4 were reversed and net rises of about £1 to f1 were witnessed at the close.

Details of the placing being arranged by Charterhouse Japhet and Carr Sebag in Berkeley North Sea Should be worth reading. Berkeley's interests are in or near block 16/26. Shareholders in parent company KCA International will have preference for the partly paid issue and the company itself will get several millions in cash. KCA are now 60p.

Equities remained firm after hours although some were just off their best. Nevertheless, the FT Index managed to finish the day at its highest point 10.4 up at 464.0 after starting the day 1.6 down.

Company
Int or Fin
Christie-Tyler (I)
Five Oaks Invst (F)
Glass Glover Grp (F)
Hend'son-Kenton (I)
IDC Group (F)
Forvair (F)
Prestige Grp (F)
Rosgill (I)
Throsmorton Trst (F)

This proved to be the case in

5m 34.9(29.7) 0.48(0.72) 30.4(24.7) 13.3(12.1)

44.4(35.4)

The Stock Market burst back terest was shown in the new leading industrials where ICI Beers D'fd £3/16 to £101. In Linfood 8p to 157p and Kwil no life again yesterday, tap stocks which showed im- experienced some heavy de platinums Rustenburg rose 9p Save Discount 4p to 110p. J. mand mainly as a result of its oil interests rising 9p to 389p. Third-quarter figures from Reed International, above ex-pectations, were well received

> spilling over into Bowater which climbed 11p to 178p. Elsewhere, Unilever climbed 8p to 470p, Glaxe 7p to 490p while rises of 5p were noted in Fisons at 292p and Beecham at 135p. BAT's was cautious ahead of today's figures firming 10 to

and the slares rose 13p to 207p

Gold shares made strong progress on the back of the rise in the bullion price with Anglo American Gold \$3! up at \$89. West Driefontein \$2 better at \$81½ and Vall Reefs \$3! stronger at \$65!. Among the cheaper priced shares \$t Helena rose \$21 to \$351, Venterspost \$11 to \$141 and F. S. Geduid \$3 to \$574.

Latest results

per share 8.0(7.6)

4.38(3.8) 3.1(3.7) 150.4(25.4)

further buying as Consolidated Gold Fields improved 16p to 463p, R.T.Z. 10p to 416p, Selection Trust 8p to 688p and De

1.6(1.5) 0.07c(0.003) 0.53(0.48) 0.43(0.60)

0.18(0.46) 5.8(6.8) 0.48(0.72) 3.6(3.0) 7.5(9.0) 0.07(0.15)

to 279p.

Oil shares showed further im- firm at 298p. provement throughout the list with interest from the United States providing a late fillip for the majors after hours. BP Ultramar advanced 4p to 452p as did Burmah at 194p, Lasmo expanded sp to 420p, among second liners, but profit taking chipped 8p from Siebens at

The interest in oil bubbled over into North Sea shares where Carless Capel was wanted 8p up at 85p as its North Sea interests were taken into account.

The threat of a renewed price war following Associated Darries announcement on price cutting on Monday resulted in further London financials also saw falls. Associated Dairies, itself, tumbled 8p to 174p ahead of today's figures while other falls featured Tesco 3p to

-1/4

29/2

1.85(1.37)

Save Discount 4p to 110p. J. Sainsbury managed to remain

Hopes of an increase in the defence budget along the lines of President Carter's plans to spend £15,000m prompted rises jumped 20p to 362p and the among shares involved in denew 18p to 157p, 3p above the offer price with the remainder of the cash; due next week. Shell rose 16p, to 366p, and 17p and Smiths Industries 3p to 22pp. Racal also involved in the cash; due next week. defence and currently bidding for Decca improved 11p to 242p while Decca unaffected by the death of its chairman Sir Edward Lewis, advanced 20p to 395p in the ordinary and 17p to 352p in the "A"

> Anthony Gibbs crept up 3p to 81p on Monday and stayed there yesterday. There is going to be no counter bidder to Bongkong & Shanghai which can afford to take us time negotiating bid terms for Gibbs. Houskong Bank has 40 par cent of the shares.

Shares of Louis C. Edwards returned from suspension 140 up at 520 as did stable mate Morgan Edwards 33p up at 102p while merger talks still continue At the same time, shares of Manchester Utd FC, chaired by Mr Louis Edwards and dealr under rule's 163/2) dealt under rule 163(2), tumbled 20p to 150p, after 125p. Equity turnover of fanuary 28, was £139.540m (15,660 bar-gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, Associated Telegraph. were, Associated Dairies, BP, BP New, Recal, Selection Trust, Carless Capel, Decca "A", Reed International and R.T.Z.

Chemical

chairman

chooses new

Mr Charles M. Doscher is to

secome chairman of Occidental

Chemical Europe, on February

Mr G. J. Waters has joined the board of Spembly as direc-

tor, technical services division.

Mr B. J. Bowles is now director/

general manager of Grafton Optical. Both companies are members of the Leadenhall

Sterling group.
Mr I. D. Glen has been as

pointed to the board of Rubber & Allied Products.

Mr Ian Hawkins is the new managing director of Clifford Partitioning Company.

Mr Erik J. Skog and Mr Robert F. Carroll have been

named as financial directors by

Harlands of Hull. Mr. J. B.

Davies has been appointed export sales director of Harland

Machine Systems.
Mr E. C. Baltes and Mr. S.

Mulier become directors of M. W. Marshall & Co with

effect from February 1, 1980. Mr C. J. K. Kelson, Mr M.

Pearce and Mr R. H. Smith

become assistant directors. Mr

Throgmorton Trust's revenue up 19 pc

Pre-tax revenue of Throgmorton Trust expanded by 19 per cent to a record £3.64m in the 12 months to November 30. The total gross dividend is being lifted from 7.27p to 7.92p. At the year-end, the net asset value of the ordinary shares had reached 107.2p, against 101.2n a year earlier. 101.3p a year earlier.

FIVE OAKS INVESTMENTS Turnover for 1979 dropped from 5730,000 to £484,000. Pre-tax loss of £73,997, against profit of £35,000. No dividend (same).

GRINDLAYS BANK
Grindlays Bank announces that
pareement has been reached for
the sale of the share capital of its
wholly owned subsidiary. Cox and
Kings (Holdings) to Messrs
A. B. M. Good and J. N. R.
Barber.

W. GOODKIND & SONS Contracts exchanged for Good-kind to buy long leasehold interest in Denton Park Shopping Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, from Denton Park NV, for £700,000 in cash and

Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water intends to offer for sale by tender £3m, 9 per cent redeemable, preference stock, 1985. Minimum price of issue will be £98 per cent.

LAZARD CONFIRMING
Lazard Brothers & Co announce
the formation of their new confirming house subsidiary company,
Lazard Confirming. The directors
are Mr J. Todd (chairman), Mr
P. R. Godwin and Mr R. N. de G.
Skinwerth

AUSTRIAN BANK Zentralsparkasse and Kommerz-bank, Austria's largest savings bank and the fourth biggest bank with assets of AS93m, has opened a London office to service grow-ing international business and in particular lending portfoli through Eurocurrency markets. portfolio

Turnover for 13 months to November 30, 56.29m (£4,79m for 10 months). Net profit £180,000 (£465,000). EPS 1.0p (2.6p). No div (same).

A. J. WORTHINGTON A. J. WORTHINGTON
Turnover of A. J. Worthington
(Holdings) for half-year to Septemher 30 reached £1.05m (against
£1.01m), but pre-tax profits fell
from £156,600 to £72,200. Interind
dividend. gross, lifted from 0.25p
(adjusted) to 0.58p. Adverse conditions in home market have continued; no sign yet of improve

DELTA METAL

Negotiations for purchase of
Accurate Forging Corporation and
New England Centerless Grinding
from Bristol Brass Corporation of
Hartford, Connecticut, have now
heen eartisfacturily completed for a been satisfactorily completed for a purchase price of 56m. Group will be able to expand its current sales into North American continent and should provide a longer-term platform for growth.

BROOKE TOOL

Directors are confident that the increases in output hudgeted by subsidiary companies for the coming year can be achieved but in these are supported by the contract of the contr these uncertain times they are in no position to make a forecast.

Subsidiaries of Country and New Town Properties and British and Commonwealth Shipping have ac-guired a further 57,500 shares each in Jermyn Investment, increasing their holdings to 40.06 per cent each.

Briefly

NEWMAN INDUSTRIES Newman Industries' offshoot, Grindley of Stoke (Ceramics) Inc., Ltd for £1.69m. At June 30 last, Ceramix's net tangible assets were US\$3.79m (£1.56m). Ceramix makes vitrifled earthenware for sale to hotels and restaurants in the United States and distributes

UNITED TIN AREAS Listing suspended at company's request, pending clarification of company's position.

AVANA GROUP
Dr J. S. Randall has acquired a further 2,000 ordinary shares.

JANTAR
Following the sale of 45,000 shares, Electra Figure Co is interested in 130,000 ordinary shares (6.63 per cent). Electra is a subsidiary of Globe Investment Trust.

CARDIFF MALTING Saxonbest and associates have disposed of their bolding of 37,500 shares (5.1 per cent) in Cardiff Malting.

HUNTLEIGH GROUP Sir J. Hunt, chairman, and his wife, Lady Esme Jeanne Hunt, have each disposed of 30,000 shares.

Christie-Tyler just 6pc ahead

By Rosemary Unsworth The anticipated downturn in the furniture sector in 1980 Glamorgan-based furniture Christie-Tyler.

the halfway stage.

vious year. cent to £1.6m and turnover increased by 17 per cent to £34.9m in the six months to October 31 1979, which was in manufacturer, Christie-Tyler. 534.9m in the six months to tions Although turnover rose during October 31 1979, which was in boom the first half, profits showed line with the group's expectanced growth compared with tions last autumn. But the tax mers.

Henderson-Kenton slips The share price lost 18p to A deliberate policy of allowing customers to pay for goods 98p on the announcement. Bur the board stressed that although at pre-VAT increase prices hit the full year results will not Henderson-Kenton's margins at

match last year's profits of £2m, trade has improved during the January sales.
Credit sales, which now account for about 50 per cent of turnover and amount to a Pre-tax profits fell back by 28 per cent to £437,000 while turnover rose by only 9 per cent to £13.3m in the six months to September 30, 1979. debt to the group of £15m, are The furniture retailing group decided to allow their cusalso increasing in the second

tomers to pay for goods already ordered at the 8 per cent VAT rate for two weeks after the 1.78p gross to reduce the disbetween interim and which it said reduced margins final dividends and Mr David Hyman, chairman, said that the final should be maintained to 2.85p and Christie hopes to maintain the final of 6.7p gross. but improved volume for a

cuts, which Christie-Tyler believed would result in in-creased demand, failed to stimulate sales. The summer increase in VAT made trading condiboom before the 61 per cent increase was passed on to custo-

Mr George Williams, chair-man, said that the autumn, a normally buoyant period for the group, was also quieter than anticipated. This was due to pre-VAT spending boom and reduced consumer expendi-ture. In addition, Christie believes that the current high interest rates have adversely affected sales.

The outlook for the second half is more gloomy although the group's performance in that period is usually better. Mr Williams forecasts that in the The interim dividend has present economic circumstances been boosted by 25 per cent to the full-year results will be the full-year results will be well below last year's £4.2m. The interim dividend has

been increased from 2.76p gross

Arco pushes income ahead by 45 pc

Mr. Robert O. Anderson, chairman, says this high-level performance is the basic support to the company's previously announced commitment to a \$3bn record capital budget for 1980, compared with \$1.8bn less year About 71 page come of

was implemented.

last year. About 71 per cent of the total capital budget is allo-cated to the development and delivery of domestic energy resources.
Mr Anderson attributes the gain in 1979 primarily to higher crude oil prices, increased pro-duction from the north slope of Alaska and improved returns from sales of pertoleum pro-

ducts. Significant improvement in the prices of copper and other metals, along with a stronger market for chemicals, were other factors in the company's favourable performance for the

Industrie Pirelli of Milan, principal operating company of the Pirelli tyre and cable group, has shown a turnover gain of about 25 per cent in 1979 and

its operating loss was "con-siderably lower" than the International

deficit of 28.6 billion lire in 1978, according to the chairman Signor Filiberto Pittini.

The net loss in 1979, however, was likely to rise from the previous year. That is because Pirelli offset almost all of the 1978 operating deficit with a capital gain of 26.5 billion lire from the sale of its skyscraper

Atlantic Richfield of Los year. Increased throughput was headquarters in Milan.

Angeles has reported net due to the introduction of a signor Pittini predicted that income of \$1.1bn or \$9.48 a friction reducing agent and to 1980 will be "particularly share for 1979. This is a 45 per the installation of additional equipment.

\$6.60. dollars a share in 1978.

Mr Robert O. Anderson.

Pirelli cut loss

Signor Pittini predicted that 1980 will be "particularly difficult", but said the company could complete the year in winning manner" if it succeeded in avoiding labour. disputes. Group turnover last year rose to approximately one trillion lire from 797 billion in 1978. Higher volume accounted for about half of the sales gain while the remainder was due to price increases.

> Venezuelan Eurocredit The Venezuelan power company, Electricidad de Caracas,

has mandated Morgan Guaranty Trust Co to raise a two-tranche S50m Eurocredit. The first tranche of \$25m

carries a ten-year maturity and a spread of 3 per cent over United States prime rate, while the second tranche of \$25m, also over ten years, carries a spread of 3 per cent over Lon-treport. Since the balance sheet don Interbank Offered Rates. date, a £5m loan facility has forgings.

Abbey Life's Property | Occidental Fund valued at £365m

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3.3(2.8)

By Margaret Stone Abbey Life's Property Fund increased in value by £81m to £365m in the year to October 22, 1979. The unit price rose by 20.7 per cent, well up with the leaders in the property bond performance tables.

The fund, the oldest and much the largest property fund for private investors (as opposed to those for tax-exempt organizations such as charities or pension funds), bad an active year. The managers disposed of 16 properties for some £9.6m, compared with the aggregate book cost of £3.5m. On the acquisition side, 17 new properties have been added or contracted for, for a total of £17.6m. An additional £3.23m has been earmarked for six more properties. On the income front, there were 74 rent reviews in the last fund year, which more than doubled the total income rental from the properties concerned.

Interim progress at Grimshawe Hldgs

A 13.6 per cent rise in first-half profits to £119,000 was reported yesterday by Grim-shawe Holdings, the industrial group with interests in the group with interests in the D.I.Y. market and protective surface coatings. Turnover, for the six months to October 31, climbed by 49 per cent to £2.93m. The chairman, Mr Thomas Kenny, reports that the group continues to progress; the latest figures are not strictly comparable with 1978. No tax is deducted from the profits because there are still substantial tax losses available.

Greenall Whitley cuts borrowings

Brewers Greenall Whitley reduced borrowings by £6.3m in the year to September, 1979,

been repaid early, a move considered prudent in view of the current high interest rates. In addition a sample internal revaluation of the company's properties has shown "a substantial surplus" over book values. The current cost statement included with the accounts shows pretax profits reduced from £16.1m to £14.3m.

CCA would halve Westland's results

Westland Aircraft's annual report reveals that current cost accounting would reduce pre-tax profits from £15.3m to £6.4m. The balance sheet shows stock and work in progress on major long-term contracts in-creased by £15.3m, but Lord Aldington, the chairman, Aldington, the chairman, explains this was largely offset by an increase in progress payments on these contracts of E13.3m. An increase in creditors from £22.6m to £53m creditors from increased turnover and provisions for liabilities under sub-contracts placed with Westland in connexion with contracts with Arab British

warmings

group's United Kingdom com-Record makes engineers' and woodworkers' hand tools and

Record Ridgway's

panies, the current year is again likely to be difficult because of the high cost of money, the rate of inflation and the strength of sterling. This warning comes from Mr Antony B. Hampton, the chairman, in his annual statement. The in-creasing advantages of cost-reduction and the capital investment programme will strengthen the companies' ability to meet the adverse conditions. But the start-up costs of the foundry and redundancy payments will offset these benefits in the first half of the year.

F. J. Haughton is to be a director of Marshalls (Ireland). Four new directors appointed by UKF Fertilisers are Mr Hugh le Boutillier, personnel direc-tor; Mr John Coleman, finance For the Record Ridgway

director; Mr James Cooper, marketing director, and Mr Richard Tabor, sales director. Mr Cooper has also been made an executive director of UKF An executive uncertainty and executive for the feet of Mr Daniel Cohen has become financial director and controller of Saccone & Speed.
Mr Peter J. Duff has joined the board of Caravans International as a non-executive

director. Mr Keith Potts has become financial director of Ofrex. Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young has been appointed a non-executive director of Lloyds Bank and Lloyds Bank UK Management wit heffect from April

11. 1980. Mr P. B. L. Clark is the new general manager of the over-seas division of Lloyds Bank. He succeeds Mr D. W. Kendrick who retires at the end of April. The new assistant general manager of the division is over P. B. F. Emmerson.

Mr Frank Walker is now a director of Willis, Faber & Dumas.

Mr A. J. West is now managing director of Baco Contracts, Other directors are: Mr

D. I. Rose, sales and marketing, and Mr R. H. J. FitzHerbert, Mr Warren Bradley has been

appointed personnel director of TI Tower Housewares.

appointed personnel director of TI Tower Housewares.

Mr John Barber has been appointed a non-executive director of Good Relations Holdings and the Good Relations Group.

Mr Geoffrey Sunclife has been appointed senior international executive for the Africa and Middle East region of National Westminster Bank's international banking division, based in the City. He succeeds Mr E. F. Nightingale who is redring.

Mr Hector Watts has been appointed managing director and chief executive of London & Scottish Marine Oil Company. Mr R. B. Fox becomes managing director, exploration and production; Mr E. G. Barnard becomes executive director, and Mr D. A. Ferguson becomes a director.

Mr Christopher Foy has joined the board of Van den Berghs & Jurgens as personnel director. He succeeds Mr Clive Welland who has been appointed to the personnel division of Unilever NV in Rotterdam.

Rotterdam.

Mr Ian A. N. Irvine has been appointed to the Industrial Development Advisory Board.

Mr Colin F. Popham has been appointed a non-executive director of John Mowlem and Company.

Mr Edward F. Maynard has joined the Manson Byng Group as a director.

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Alastair McCorquodale, Chairman



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British Anzani

Blériot pioneers may fly again

British Anzani, the Kent-based group whose shares were suspended more than two years ago as it struggled to free itself from the effects of the 1974-75 property crash, is to attempt to have its shares re-quoted. one-time outboard motor group, now

headed by solicitor Mr Ivor Shrago expects to make an announcement in the next few weeks At the moment, he is still conducting delicate negotiations over some remaining property and land and the company stresses that any progress for Anzani hinges on their success. The caution is well justified. Last autumn British Anzani were promising a statement "within a few days", which failed to materialize.

Company secretary Mr Frank Hornett said: "If talks are successful and I stress these are at a very delicate stage, we should be making a statement in a couple of weeks which will outline the new structure and our progress."

The group then expects to log two years of annual returns with the Stock Exchange, which I understand, the Exchange is anxious for them to complete. No figures have been reported since 1977.

The news, when it comes, will be welcomed by Anzani's 5,000 shareholders whose combined 26 million shares have been worth little more than 161p, the price at suspension in November

They would be grateful for any news at all. The last time they were confacted officially was in April 1977 with the group half-time figures for the six months to September 30 which showed pretax loss of 5623,000. "But we have kept them informed", said Mr Hornett. "I suppose I have ten or 15 calls a week from shareholders wanning to know what is happening."

What is happening is that the group has been trying to get its borrowings down from the £21m of two years ago. A pro-forma

balance-sheet in March, 1977, showed bank overdrafts and short-term loans amounted to £8m. It is understood to be less than that If current talks go well, British Anzani should

emerge with a scrap metal processing business, a civil engineering and construction division, 25 acres of land in Kent and an empty 50,000 square it office block in Sittingbourne. If the group comes back at around its suspension price its low has been 7p—it will have a market price tag of £4.16m. In its heyday in 1972, the group was worth £20m.

British Anzani was a company started by an Italian, French-trained engineer at the start of the century and named after him. It specialized in aero engines and its products powered Blériot on his pioneer cross-channel flight 70 years ago.

But by the time it came to market in 1951,
British Anzaui was noted for its outboard-motor

The group expanded into lawn mowers, but its major change of direction came in 1966 when scrap merchant brothers Stanley and Gerald Fauli reversed their business into

to hit a recession, the group aimed at joining the glamorous and, as it turned out, high-flying world of property tycoons. They turned their 82-acre quarry site off the A20 our of Maidstone into an industrial estate and attempted an ambitions £10m container terminal near to the planned north docks at Felixstowe. But by 1974, the group passed its final dividend as profits turned into osses and it has not paid shareholders since. Mr Gerald Fauli, who till owns 1.3 million

Philip Robinson



مكدامن الدعيل

At the trading level profits fell a seventh to £5.9m leaving margins over two points tighter 19.5 per cent.

In the first half the group, which trades under the Prestige, Skyline, Ewbank, O-Cedar and Old Hall brand names, was hampered by the road haulage strike and an internal dispute, while the second six months were hit by the engineering strike. strike.



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dental

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Mr D. Lawman, chairman of Prestige Group.

The strength of the pound has also posed problems, both on trading grounds and the translation of foreign assets. According to the group the rise in sterling cost £300,000 in the year, against a previous credit of £100,000.

However, Prestige, with its special type of housewares such as pressure cookers and floor cleaners, has been more

cleaners, has been more immune to foreign competition than such groups as Hoover where despite the buoyancy of the market sales have been lost

the market sales have been lost to importers.

The full year dividend has been raised by a tenth to 9.8p gross where the shares, unchanged at 148p yesterday, yield 6.6 per cent and trade at almost eight times fully taxed earnings. The net dividend is covered three times.

Options.

Traded options surged anead with total contracts expanding from the previous day's figures of 619 to 1,022. Dealers reported some well-spread business although Racal attracted the most contracts with 248 contract the highest since its introduction last month. Interest here included the new series of 240p February, May and August and was brought about by the group's recent bid for Decca and hopes of lucrative contracts in the event of an in-creased defence budget. Traditional options had a quieter time although some interest centred on oil shares such as, BP, Premier and Chaterhall.

Recent Issues

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Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank Barclays Bank 17% BCCI Bank 17% Consolidated Crdts 17% Consolidated Crais
C. Hoare & Co... *17°
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Lloyds Bank ... 17°
London Mercantile 17°
Midland Bank ... 17°
17° Nat Westminster .. 17% Rossminster TSB 17% Williams and Glyn's 17% 7 day deposit on sums of 210,000 and under 15%, up to £25,000 15°4%, over £25,000 15°4%.

Wall Street

Affected

by strikes

By Alison Mitchell

Prestige Group, one of the largest manufacturers of household goods outside of the United States, has turned in reduced annual profits as a result of a series of industrial disputes, both internal and national.

Although the group do not quantify the cost of the strikes pre-tax. profits in 1979 fell by £1m to £5.8m on turnover up slightly from £59m to £62m.

At the trading level profits fell a seventh to £5.9m leaving margins over two points tighter.

Some York, Jan 29.—Stock prices closed lower, but managed to stage a late recovery after numbling above jumply in mid-afternoon.

The Dow Jones Industrial average ended at \$74.40, down than 10 points at 3 pm.

Volume rose to \$5,480,000 shares.

Stock Exchange total of \$5,620,000 shares.

Stock Exchange lost 0.47 to 65,49 and the average price per share 24c.

Reason for the retreat was a gloomy trade report and a sharp rise in the price of gold.

"Everyone has been waiting for a price correction and when it starts, nobody wants to be last in line", commented one observer.

Gold, silver and copper stacks

observer.
Gold, silver and copper stacks all rose in response to the higher bullion prices but recently strong defence, oil and computer shares retreated.

Gold holds price Mch 79-95c: May 80-25c.
COFFEE-March. 165-00c: May
169-75c-170-01c: July, 174-75c
175-00c: Sept. 177-50c-177-50c.
Drc.
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COFFES.—ROBUSTAS (£ per lorine): Jan 1476-77; March 1.515-16: 155-16: 15-66 1.533-34: July 1.551-52; Sept. 1.548-60. 55: Nov 1.560-63 - 3an. 1.548-60. Sales: 3,463 lots including 97 options	Mest Complision: Average failors prices at representative markets on Jan 29.—08 at representative markets on Jan 29.—08 cattle 79.049 per legw (-1.14). UK Sheep 1.35.29 per kgestdew (-1.9). Ge Phys 64.79 per cont. give (-3.1). Eagland and Wales: Cattle numbers up 0.2 per cont. average price 78.459 (-1.21). Sheep numbers up 6.7 per cent. average price 133.09 (-1.0). Pig numbers up 2.5 per cent. average price 64.6p (-3.4). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 6.5 per cent. average price 80.78p (-1.05). Sheep numbers up 15.9 per cent. average price 13.0.5p
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Foreign exchange report

The oversight drop against the dollar was extended to 2.2470 initially by the pound yesterday, but it soon steadled with the aid of modest Bank of England support. After a peak of 2.2600 during the afternoon the close was 2.2520 against the dollar, just 35 point up on balance. On a tradeweighted basis, sterling cased to 71.4 from 71.6, but this reflected Monday night's late fall in dollar terms.

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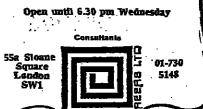
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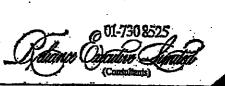
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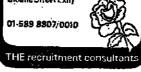
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One such property now for sale is Forest Lodge, on the side of Winter Hill, near Cookham Dean, Berkshire.

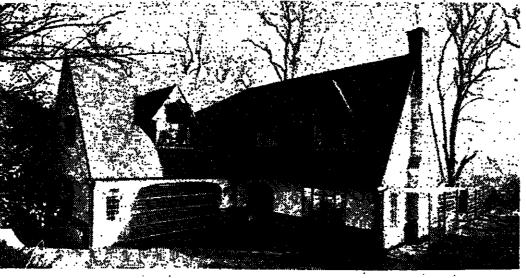
Its high position gives it

Marlow and the Chiltera The house itself is believed to have been built in about 1790 as an estate lodge, but it has been modernized and extended to provide two reception rooms and four bedrooms. There is a garden of about one-third of an acre and the property adjoins National Trust land, with woodland behind. Offers of about £90,000 are required through the agents, Jackson-Stops and Staff, of Another property on high

Marlow, a modern house in the chalet style built in 1976. It has an unusual design, with a steeply pitched tile roof with dormer windows, and some leaded light windows. It has two main reception rooms, a study, five bed-rooms and three bathrooms, two of which are en suite. There is a small garden with an area of York paving around the house. Offers in

London. A property with a stream running through its grounds is Brimfield Hall, in the vilfine views across the Thames lage of Brimfield, some four valley and the river towards miles from Ludlow, Hertford- Thorpe and Partners.

being asked through Savills,



Conkers, at Marlow, Buckinghamshire, contemporary design at about £130,000.

shire. The house is believed to date from 1812 and has accommodation which includes three reception rooms, a study, a main bedroom and dressing room, and four other bedrooms. Gardens and grounds extend to about 21/2 acres and the stream running through them is the Taddy, a tributary of the River Teme, and two trout ponds. Offers of between £75,000 and £85,000 are being asked through Bernard

A stream and a water gar- bathroom and kitchen. There den are also features of Forge are communicating doors Cottages, at Hascombe, near between the two parts of the Godalming, in Surrey. The building at ground and first floor levels. Gardens and grounds run to about 12 acres been two or more dwellings and include an extensive built about 1800, which now range of loose boxes and has a separate annexe as part other outbuildings, as well as of the main building. Accom- the original old forge buildmodation in the main part ing from which the property includes three reception takes its name. Offers are ooms and five bedrooms. being asked in the region of In the annexe there are a £100,000 to £125,000 and the rooms and five bedrooms.

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reason is Spring Bank, a the items is a sixteenth cen-gables in the Dutch style, modern house at Battle, tury house with three recep-Sussex, which was built in tion rooms, eight bedrooms 1973 and is notable for the and four bathrooms, set in high degree of insulation nine acres of grounds, which incorporated in its construction, with aluminium foil to thing in the region of floors, walls and ceilings, £200,000. A further farm double glazing and an insulated roof space. Accommodation includes two reception rooms, two ground floor bedrooms, one of which is now used as a study, and two more bedrooms upstairs. The price is £58,950, through Braxtons, of Battle.

Another modern house is Morewell, at Ightham, Kent, a single storey house built in 1964, to an advanced design and specification, with kitchen and living rooms on an open plan which offers unusually well defined functional areas. The basic accommodation is reception rooms, a playroom and four bedrooms. It stands in about half an acre of land and is for sale at £70.000 through Cluttons, of London. Several items of interest

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prises two reception rooms, four bedrooms and a bathroom, but there is an unconverted second kitchen and a second bathroom. With about half an acre of garden it is expected to make about £60,000. One other item is a building site with planning permission for a four bedroomed farm house adjoining the village of Satwell, which is being offered with some three 52 acres and is expected to make about £100,000.

Something over £180,000 is expected for Delamers House, at Great Wymondley. near Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The present house seems to are included in an auction date largely from the 1650s, to be held by Bernard when it was built to incor-Thorpe and Parmers in the porate parts of an earlier Town Hall at Henley-on- timber framed manor house, Thames, Oxfordshire, on and also has some eighteenth March 5. The whole property and nineteenth century additis called Rocky Lane Farm, tions. It has brick walls,

and has a grade two listing as being of special architec-tural or historic interest. Inside are some good panelling and a fine Elizabethan

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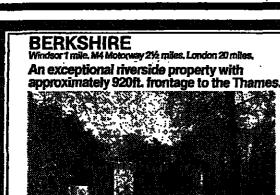
Also with a grade two list-ing is De Langle House, at Chartham, near Canterbury, Kent, which itself is part of a larger house believed to have been built at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Here, there are three reception rooms, five bedrooms and three attic rooms. Outbuildings consist of an old coach house used for garaging and stabling and there is a walled garden. The price is £67,500 and the agents are Ashendens, of

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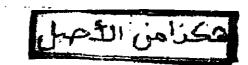
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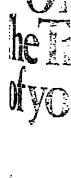
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9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-Week.

11.05 Baker's Dozen

1.00 The World at One. 1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour. 3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother.

4.45 Story: In the Square. 5.00 PM.

6.00 News.
6.30 My Music.†
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint.
7.45 On the Town.
8.30 A Sideways Look.
8.45 Analysis.
9.30 Kaleidoscope.
10.00 The World Tonight.†
10.30 Give or Take.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime.
11.15 Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Today in Parliament.
12.00 News.
12.15 am-12.25 Weather.
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5.55 Weather. 6.00 News.

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10.00 News.
10.05 Gardeners' Question Time.
10.30 Daily Service.
10.54 The Wooden Horse (8).
11.00 News.

12.00 News. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Plays. How Far to Run;

PERSONAL CHOICE!



Tim Page among the poung Victnamese rejugees whom he visited in Hampshire for tonight's Arena programme Mentioned in Dispatches (BBC 2, 8,25)

a "ghost".

5.55 Pride and Prejudice: Second showing of part 3 of Vay Weldon's adaptation of the Jane Austen classic. We meet the very grand Lady Cathorine de Bourgh (judy Paritt), and Elizabeth and Datcy have another encounter.

6.50 The Master Game: International Ches. Tournament. The ● It is both end of term and course at War School (BBC 1, 9.25) and the seven officers at the Army Staff College, Camberley, who during the past four weeks have left us in doubt as to their feelings about the war game and their theoretical part in it, get their postings. Beyond conceding the point that the genes a man gets lumbered with as a baby are important to the process, General Sir Frank Kitson, the college commander, is not forthcoming about what it takes to make a good general, but, right to the end, the officers continue to shoot from the shoulder, deploring Britain's unpreparedness for chemical warfare and its antiquated plans for civil defence, and branding as "a great jape, frivolous" a college demonstration of an enemy nuclear attack staged to the strains of "Oh! What a Lovely War". • It is both end of term and course at War School (BBC 1. nuclear attack staged to the strains of "Oh! What a Lovely War"

 There was a compelling reason why the comedy-laced thriller Hazell and the Public Enemy (ITV, 9.00), which was made as long ago as September, 1978, could not be transmitted last year as planned. The part of Jack Horner, a gangster and murderer, is played by John Bindon, and when the film was scheduled to be transmitted, Mr. Bindon was due to face trial at Old Bailey on a charge of murder at a yacht club in Putney; in November last year, he was found not guilty and acquitted. So, the curiosity value of tonight's film is considerable. But, in my view, an even better reason for watching it is that Hazell, the cockney private eye, is played with perky authority by Nicholas Ball, a thinking actor if

• These grey January afternoons can make spirits slump and, cmerging daffodil spears apart, spring seems an infinity away. Lift up your hearts by listening to today's Choral Evensong, from New College, Oxford (Radio 4. 4.00), a musical and spiritual tonic, . . . A stirring musical experience of a different sort awaits you tonight (Radio 3, 9.00) when Rozhdestvensky and the BBC Symphony perform Rachmaninov's Francesca da Rimini. A fine line-up of soloists—Marius Rintzler, Kenneth Bowen, John Shirley-Quirk, Linda Esther Gray and Robert Tear.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: ISTEREO; *BLACK AND WHITE;

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TELEVISION

BBC 1

9.05 am For Schools, Colleges, Engineering (corrosion); 9.35 Science (tertilization); 9.58 Let's Go (for mentally handicapped); 10.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Home Economics (micronarients); 11.02 Science tetraemiline). Science (streamlining). 11,25 You and Me; Friends (r).

11.40 Schools, Colleges: History (Greeks and the sea); 12.05 pm Russian-language and People: part 2 (the alphabet), Clusedown at 12.30. 12.45 News and weather.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Victorian glass walking sticks and glass hells.
1.45 Playboard: Hare and Tortoise (r). 2.01 Schools, Colleges, Watch (Robinson Crusue); 2.18 Near and Far (the volcano); 2.40 Communicate! (making a television pro-gramme). Closedown at 3.00 3.25 Children's Wardrobe: Ann

tabard, 3.55 Play School: Francoise's story

10.20 am Gharbar: For Asian women, Close down at 10.45.

11.00 Play School: Same as BBC 1, 3.55. Close down at 11.25.

Ghost (1934). Stantey and Oliver are shanghaied. On board, they see a "ghost".

national Chess Tournament, The third game, between Helmut Pfleger, of West Germany, and

The Big Rain, 4.20 Pixie and Dixie. 9.25 War School: Last in the Cartoon, Scaredy Cat Dug (r).
4.25 Jackanory: Geoffrey Hinshift
continues reading Joe Burkinshaw's Progress.

4.40 Take Hart: Tony Hart and the

small face that grows. 5.00 John Craven's Newscound: Junior news-5.05 Our John Willie: Final part of the drama, by Catherine Cookson; about two boys who find a skeleton buried in their benefactor's

garden. 5.35 The Perishers: Leonard Ros-siter in a short comedy (r). 5.40 News: with Angela Rippon. 5.40 News: with Angela Rippon.
5.55 Nationwide.
6.50 Film: It It's Tuesday, This Must be Belgium (1969). Hectic comedy about American tourists "doing "Europe in 18 days. With Suganne Pleshette, lan McShane, Mildred Natwick.
8.25 The Two Rounies: Repeat of one of the Rounie Barker/Rounie Corbett comedies. With Barbara Dickson.
9.00 News: with Peter Woods.

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7.20 News: with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.30 Cricket: Australia v West Indies. Highlights from the third Test, from Adelaide.
8.00 Mr Smith's Indoor Garden: Geoffrey Smith proves you can grow exotic plants like coffee and dates from seed, and lemons from pips—if you can provide the right conditions.
8.25 Mantioned in Designices: 10.45 Newsnight: A Look at the headlines—and behind them. Third programme in this new series first week of life. With an update on the night's top stories by Fran Morrison, at 11.15 approximately. 11.30 Open Door: Killer Joe. The Explosives, a mainly black dance group based at the North London College of Further Education, tell the story of Killer Joe. conditions.

8.25 Mentioned in Despatches: Profile of British photographer Tim Page, seriously injured in Vietnam, who produced some magnificent picture, of the war, lie acted as visual adviser on the tilm Apocalypse Now.

12.00 Close down: Patric Dickin-son's poem As One Gets Older is read by Lyndon Brook (r).

series of documentaries about Army officers in training (see Per-

9.55 Sportsnight: A triple decker-

a report on the Brezilian Grand Prix; highlights from the European Two Man Bobsleigh Championship

in Switzerland, and, finally, the traditional gala at the close of the European Ice Skating Champion-

ships in Gorbenburg.

10.45 Parkinson: Michael Parkin-

son's guests are Alan Alda (from M*A*5*H1, Rene Cutforth and Jimmy Savile.

11.45 News headlines.

sonal Choice).

Regions

7.00 This is Your Life: Eamonn Andrews with another biographical

O'Connor variety show. His guests are Peters and Lee, Ray Alan with Lord Charles, Johnny More, the impressionist and Los Zafiros, gui-

9.00 Hazell: Thriller, starring the cockney private detective, played by Nicholas Ball. He is nearly mur-dered himself when he is engaged

10.30 Mid-Week Sports Special: Highlights from a FA Cup replay, and the Daily Mirror Champions Cup (gymnastics) from the Royal Albert Hall.

12.00 Spooner's Patch: Comedy

publice station. With about a police station. With Ronald Frazer as Inspector

Spooner (r). 12.25 am Close: Poems, read by the Menuhins, Yehudi and his wife

RADIO

6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today, 6.30 Today, 7.90, 8.80 News, 7.30, 8.30 Headlines 8.33 Yesterday in Parliament.

8.00 News. 8.05 Records: Haydn (sym 22). Radio 1 Allegri, L. Mozart † 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer: Beethoven (inc) Pno Conc 3—Backhaus) † 10.00 Organ: Leighton, Telemann, Mendelssohn.† 10.35 Violin, piano : Britten, Ravel, G. Langford, Collier, Robert Rus-

sell Bennett.† 11.25 BBC Scottish SO/Rattle, pt I: Saint-Saëns, Gruber (Franken-3.15 Play: Gloria's Baptism, by Lotte Bradley.† 4.00 Choral Evensong.† stein).†

12.05 pm Interval reading. 12.10 BBC SSO, pt 2 : Tenaikovsky, Stravinsky.†

Strayinsky,†
1.00 News.
1.02 Plano (Ranki, live from
Broadcasting House): Beethoven
(op 27 no 1), Stravinsky, Kurtag,
Liszt.†
2.02 Music Weekly.†
2.53 All Across the USA: folk 3.35 BBC Northern SO/Leppard: Britten (Pno Conc), Arnold (Sym

7.08 Music Now. 7.45 Record: Stravinsky (Dumbarton Oaks).† 8.00 BBC SO Rozhdestvensky (live 8.00 BBC SO, Rozhdestvensky (live from Festival Hail), pt 1: Glazunov (Les ruses d'amourt.†
8.40 Six Continents: world news.
9.00 BBC SO, pt 2: Rachmaninov (Francesca da Rimini).†
10.25 Story: A Pleasant Place, by Freda Bromhead.
10.45 Plano (Postnikova): Bortniansky, Medtner, Mussurgsky.†
11.55-12.00 News. VHF
6.50 am Regional news, weather,
7.50 Regional news, weather,
9.05-10.30 For Schools: History in
Evidence; Advanced Studies—
English; Poetry Corner; Music
Makers; Something to Think
About.
10.45-12.00 For Schools: The
Music Box; By the People, for the
People; Inquiry; Quest.
2.00 pm-3.00 For Schools: Movement and Drama 1; Books, Plays.

11.55-12.00 Regional news, weather, 10.25 Story: A Pleasant Place, by
Freda Bromhead.
10.45-12.00 News.

11.55-12.00 News.

Radio 2

5.00 am News, weather, 5.04 Steve

5.00 Music for early evening.†

Poems; Nature.

5.50 Regional news, weather.

11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Sur le vif
(13).

Radio 3

5.30 am-7.35 (mw only from 7.00)
Cricket: Australia v West Indies.
6.55-7.00 Weather.
7.00 (vhf only) News.
7.05 (vhf only until 7.35) Records:
Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, Liszt.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Records: Hands

S.00 am As Radio 2, 6.00 Dave Lee Travis, 9.00 Simon Bates, 11.31 Paul Burnett, 2.00 pm Andy Peebles, 4.31 Kid Jensen, 7.00 Mailbag, 8.00 Mike Read, 9.50 Newsbeat, 10.00 John Peel, † 12.00 F.00 m As Padio 2 5.00 am As Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2, 10,00 pm With Radio 1, 12,00-5,00 am With Radio

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THAMES

BBC 2

9.30 am For Schools: Politics (pressure groups); 9.52 My World (patial relationships); 10.10 How we Used to Live (Harrogate); 10.33 French (burglary); 11.04 Stop, Look, Listen (metal); 11.16 Finding Out (Paris buildings); 11.36 How we Used to Live (Victorian farm labourers) arm labourers).

12.00 The Adventures of Rupert Bear: Pupper Story (r).
12.10 pm Rainbow: Songs and stories about swinging.
12.30 The Sullivans: Australian Iamily serial. More about John Sullivan's breakdown. 1.00 News.

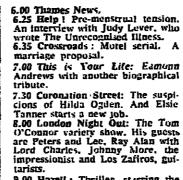
1.20 Thames News, 1.30 The Squirreis: Comedy about office life. With Bernard Repton, Ken Jones (r). 2.00 After Noon Plus: Presentation to the winners of the designers of the best British business calendar. In the studio: Andrew Lloyd Web-

2.45 The Outsiders: Outdoors 2.45 the Outsiders: Outsiders adventure about an old man (Andrew Keir) and his young friend (Sascha Hehn) who roam the roads of Australia. Today; au attack on a deserted gold mining 3.45 Hobson's Choice : Derck Hob-



Nicholas Ball in Hazell and the Public Enemy (ITV, 9.00)

Corhet with his puppers. Also, escapologist Shahid Malik.
4.45 The Book Tower: Tom Baker's review of children's books.
5.15 Mr and Mrs: Truth game, for son's chat show. married couples. 4.15 The Sooty Show: Matthew 5.45 News.



by a newspaper to get a murder confession from a gangster (see Personal Choice). 10.00 News.

As Thames except 1.20 pm Lanchtime. 1.30 Crown Court. 2.45 Money-Ga-Round. 3.15 How's Your Father 4.12 News, 5.15 Cartoon. 5.20 Crossroads. 6.00 Good Lenning Ulster. 12.60 Soap. 12.25 am Bedtime. ATV As Thames everpt: 12.30 pm Heritage in Danger, 1.20 News, 1.30 Stars on ice, 2.45 Fam ly 6.00 ATV Todav, 12.00 News, 12.05 am Eutlin's Grand Masters Darts

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As Thaines except: 1.20 gm 1.30 Stars on Ice. 2.45 Party. 3.15 Money-Co-Round. Dir. Tracy 6.00 Day b. 6.35 Stene Midweck. 12.00 12.05 am George Hamilton IV. Weather followed by Goodbye Fal

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GRAHAM PORTER.—Happy 21st birthday. With much love from Mum. Dodd, Kym and Lyn.

DEATHS

ALSTEAD.—On January 25th, 1930, Nora Sowden, much loved wife of Stanley Alstand, of Dunblane, A memorial service was held on Treeday, January 19th, at Dunblane Cathedral, No legions pleases

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dearly belowed brother of Jessie.
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brother-in-law ribid. No flowers
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Timethy, eight times a grandmether. John Clarke Formerly of Cheam and Guildford,
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February 1. Family flowers only.
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GRANT.—Peacefully in his home on January 28th, Francis Brian Blimbor, very beloved hosbead of Bette and much loved by all his relations and many friends. Family Rowers only, Domaillons to Imperial Canicer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, W. Green Cremation private, Chapter Cremation From Chapter Chapter Company for the Cremation Chapter Chapter Chapter Memorial Service at Gressvern Chapter and All Holdy.—On Tuesdey 29th January, peacefully at home John and elder brother to Kate and John and elder brother to Kate and Beal. Funeral service at St. Petroc's Church, South Breat, at 2 pm on Friday, 1st February. No flowers please, Donastons to the Cancer and Leukaemia in Childhood Trust, St. Michael's Hill. Bristol.

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GRIFFITH.—On January 28th.
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tiliness. Patrick Waldron, Cotham,
aged 54, much loved husband of
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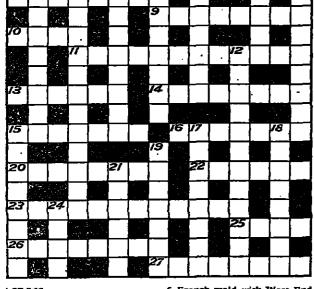
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Michael a son—George Henry Douglas Douglas Honley-on-Towlands Hospital Honley-on-Thames, to Roslyn nee Stuart and Douglas—a son (Alexander Douglas), a brother for Matthew. and Douglas—a son (Alexander Douglas), a brother for Matthew, is bel and Annabel. CHESTER.—On 21st January, at the Whittington Hospital, N.19. to Sue ince Dunbar) and Rex—Iwin dauglers (Katharine Louise and Claire Alexandra.—On January 23th, at Chichester to Vanessa ince Nowberry) and Hilary—a 300.

son.

LIVE.—On Jan. 21rd, at Malton
Hospital, to Nicola tnee Thomas;
and Richard—a son 'William; a
hrother for James and Thomas,
AIRMANN.—On 'Sih January,
1980. at Leicester Royal infirmary, to Angela tnee Lang, and
Christopher—a daughter, a sister
for Dominic, Giles and Rachel,
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ACROSS

1 Beat a saint, or train a priest here in Dyfed (8).

9 Spray—a tiny bit is seen by East River (8). 10 Bare sort of billside (4). 11 Luggage left with someone

—given a drink by us (12).
12 Person contemplating carrying a German rifle? (6).
14 Seen coat we mislaid? May be money in it (4+4).

15 Must by made to try (7).

16 Tales feature the customary

be money in it (4-4).

15 Must be made to try
16 Thousands round the racecourse, lucky things! (7).

20 Unusual for Jack to take

Tales feature the customary
drawings? (8).

2's panic ends quietly at
home (4-4).

23 Union has some members in official London residence 24 Crazy May gatherings ? (4). (7, 5).

26 People read about O.T. system of symbols (8). 27 Chief corridors of power for sophistical rhetoricians? (3-5).

DOWN

2 A duck in Nature's evolu-tion becomes a flier (8). 3 Absurd appearance before and after use or otherwise (12).

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6 French maid with West End headwear (6). 7 Mount seen going through Trossachs (4).

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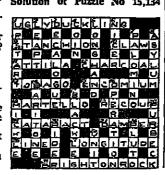
girl money (8).

22 Eastern Labourer of Inw degree? That's the answer
(6).

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